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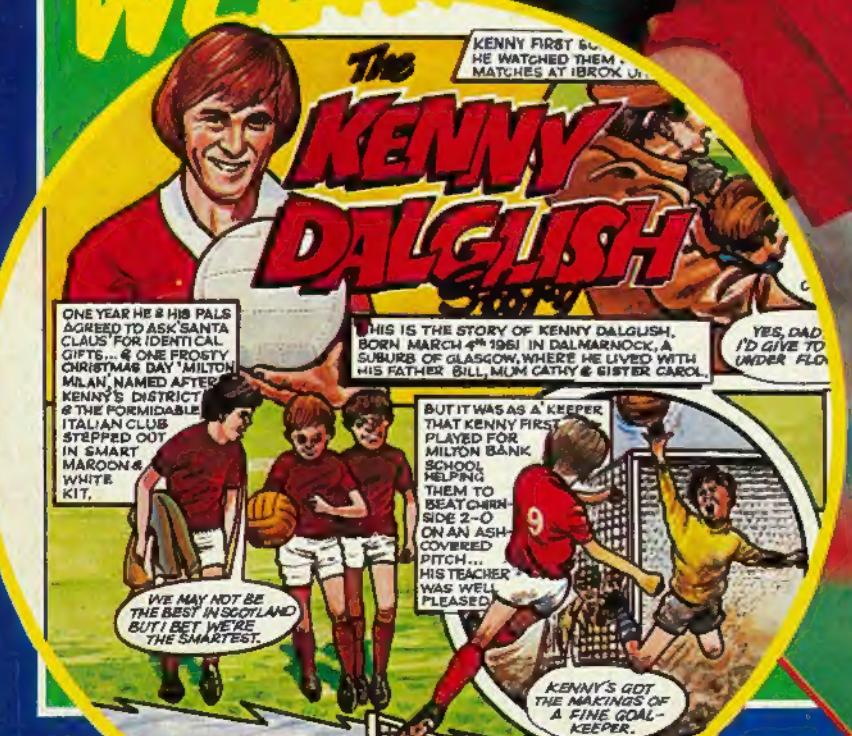
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The Teenage Team of the Eighties

Match Weekly turns the spotlight on the young



1. STEVE SUTTON

THE 19-year-old Nottingham Forest goalkeeper could not wish for a better schooling than to be understudy to England's Peter Shilton.

It's not often that Shilton is out of action, but the youngster tasted Division One life this season at Norwich and received the Match Weekly star rating in a 1-1 draw.

He also played in Forest's 4-1 League Cup disaster at Watford, but without some of his acrobatic saves the scoreline might have been even more decisive.

2. JOHN HUMPHREY

WOLVES manager John Barnwell has put his faith in the 19-year-old this season to the extent that John has been a regular in the number two shirt.

The Wembley born full-back made his Division One debut last season in the 3-0 win at Southampton, but after playing in the next match — a 3-0 defeat at Brighton — he was replaced again by Geoff Palmer.

This season the boot has been on the other foot with Humphrey showing enough potential and authority to keep Palmer in the wings.



THE WEALTH of teenage talent currently emerging in top class football is one of the most exciting aspects of today's game.

So this week Match has taken a special look at the Division One youngsters who we think could hold the key to England's international future.

We've put aside all thoughts of the next World Cup for a moment to consider the young stars who could figure in the 1986 Finals.

And after hours of fun and debate we've come up with this star studded line-up.

Now let's hear your suggestions. Send your letters to Teenage Teams, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.



3. MARK DENNIS

THE 19-year-old Birmingham full-back is one of the most experienced players in our 'super team', having played a major role in the club's return to Division One last season.

Although injury has cost him a regular slot in the side this term he has nevertheless plenty of Division One experience behind him, having made 31 appearances two seasons ago when the Blues were relegated.

An England youth international, he looks destined to step up an international grade in the near future.



4. STEVE MACKENZIE

THE potential in this 19-year-old Manchester City midfield player was underlined when Malcolm Allison paid Crystal Palace more than £250,000 for his services before he had made his League debut.

Ironically, Mackenzie made his League debut against Crystal Palace on the opening day of last season, but after a run of 14 successive games he was left out of the team.

But Mackenzie returned to favour this season to play a prominent role in City's haul away from the relegation area under new manager John Bond.

5. ROB HINDMARCH

THE 19-year-old central defender has begun to make a name for himself in the North East since Ken Knighton brought him into the Division One fray on a regular basis in November.

Playing alongside the experienced Sam Allardyce has enabled the youngster to settle quickly into a vital role as Sunderland fight to consolidate their First Division status.

Hindmarch was given his chance during the second half of last season, playing in the last 16 matches as Sunderland clinched runners-up spot in Division Two.

MATCH TEAM

1	Steve Sutton (Nottm Forest)
2	John Humphrey (Wolves)
3	Mark Dennis (Birmingham)
4	Steve Mackenzie (Man. City)
5	Robert Hindmarch (Sunderland)
6	Tommy Caton (Man. City)
7	Clive Allen (C. Palace)
8	Gary Mills (Nottm Forest)
9	Justin Fashanu (Norwich)
10	Steve McMahon (Everton)
11	Gary Shaw (Aston Villa)

stars of the future

6. TOMMY CATON

THE 18-year-old Manchester City defender emerged as a future England player as soon as he forced his way into Malcolm Allison's side last season.

He made his debut on the opening day of last season and was ever-present as City fought a successful battle against relegation.

So although only 18 he has plenty of Division One experience at his disposal and would be a ready-made candidate to captain this 'super team'.



8. GARY MILLS

ALTHOUGH Northampton-born Gary has not been a regular fixture in Nottingham Forest's senior side, he has, nevertheless, shown enormous potential in his stand-in role at the City Ground.

The 18-year-old midfielder-cum-striker has only had a handful of Division One appearances but has tasted life in European football, playing in some vital roles last season when Forest retained the European Cup. He is equally at home in attack or midfield and looks

certain to go places when commanding a regular place in the First Division.

9. JUSTIN FASHANU

THE powerful Norwich striker has developed into one of the hottest properties in football with his consistent scoring performances for the Norfolk club.

The 19-year-old has several Under-21 caps and came close to making a full England debut in the World Cup match in Rumania.

Flanked in this 'Super Team' by Clive Allen and Gary Shaw, his power, particularly in the area, livewire skills of the other two.



7. CLIVE ALLEN

AT 19-years-old, Crystal Palace striker Clive has the distinction of being the first £1 million teenager — even though he never made one competitive appearance for Arsenal.

Clive, son of former Spurs star Les, was the Football League's top scorer last season with 28 goals for Queen's Park Rangers.

He never had chance to show his scoring skills at Highbury before moving across London in the deal that took Kenny Sansom to Arsenal, but he was soon on target for his new club.



10. STEVE McMAHON

THIS 19-year-old Everton midfield player is being hailed on Merseyside as the new Alan Ball.

The Liverpool-born player was given his chance by Gordon Lee on the opening day of the season at Sunderland and has been a regular ever since.

The dynamic skills of the youngster have played a major part in Everton's success this season and his brilliant goal in the 2-2 draw against Tottenham figures in the BBC 'Goal of the Month' competition.



11. GARY SHAW

BLOND striker Gary Shaw has emerged as one of the First Division's most lethal players this season at only 19-years-old.

His ability to make the most of chances created by the power of Peter Withe has enabled Aston Villa to figure prominently in the First Division championship race.

Shaw made his Division One debut two years ago in the 1-1 draw with West Bromwich Albion, but it was only last season that he carved out a regular niche in the Villa side, finishing their top scorer with 12 goals.



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TOP RATE



Above: Second Division winner Roy McFarland, Derby. Far right: Brighton's Mike Robinson.

BRIGHTON striker Mike Robinson's December goal-spree has earned him the final Match Weekly First Division Matchman of the Month award for 1980.

The former Manchester City striker produced some inspired performances to see out the old year and helped push the 'Seagulls' away from the First Division relegation zone with five goals in as many games.

Mike crowned the month by grabbing two against Crystal Palace under the nose of former Maine Road boss Malcolm Allison — in Brighton's 3-2 home win.

The goals must have been extra special to Mike for he was discarded by Allison at the beginning of the season after just one year at Maine Road. But since the arrival of Andy Ritchie earlier this season from Manchester United Mike's form in front of goal has been a revelation.

Nicknamed Robbo by his team mates, he finished the month with an average of 7.8 to finish clear of Liverpool's discovery of the season Sammy Lee.

FIRST DIVISION

Player	Team	Games	Ave
Mike Robinson	Brighton	5	7.80
Sammy Lee	Liverpool	6	7.66
Steve Walford	Arsenal	5	7.60
Irving Nattrass	Middlesbrough	5	7.60
Trevor Cherry	Leeds	5	7.60

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ROBBO!

McFarland's in form

DERBY County skipper Roy McFarland, who has led his team to the brink of the promotion race, has won the Second Division award.

The former England centre-half, whose career has been besieged by injuries, is now back in top form and helping Derby in their bid to return to the First Division.

He pipped the November winner — Brian Stein of Luton — with an average of eight from his four December games.

Brian finished runner-up with 7.8 while Blackburn's Glenn Keeley was third with 7.75.

DIVISION TWO

Player	Team	Games	Ave
Roy McFarland	Derby	4	8.00
Brian Stein	Luton	5	7.80
Glenn Keeley	Blackburn	4	7.75
Billy Ronson	Cardiff	3	7.66
Steve Spriggs	Cambridge	3	7.66



Towner's title

TONY Towner, signed by Rotherham for £100,000 at the start of the season, wins the Third Division award.

The former Millwall midfielder averaged a mark of eight from his three games during the month, leaving him a clear winner over Barnsley's Kevin McCarthy.

Third spot went to another Barnsley player — and former winner of the award — Ronnie Glavin.

THIRD DIVISION

Player	Team	Games	Ave
Tony Towner	Rotherham	3	8.00
Kevin McCarthy	Barnsley	6	7.66
Ronnie Glavin	Barnsley	3	7.66
Chris Kamara	Swindon	5	7.60
Peter Beardsley	Carlisle	6	7.50



Oh, brother!

PORT Vale brothers Mark and Neville Chamberlain both performed well for their club during December, but it's Mark who takes the top award — averaging 8.33 from his three games.

Brother Neville was pushed into third spot by Doncaster's Alan Little who averaged 8.20 from five matches.

DIVISION FOUR

Player	Team	Games	Ave
Mark Chamberlain	Port Vale	3	8.33
Alan Little	Doncaster	5	8.20
Neville Chamberlain	Port Vale	5	7.80
Steve Galliers	Wimbledon	4	7.75
John Linacre	Hartlepool	4	7.75



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Hearts' gold!

ALEX MacDonald of Hearts averaged eight to take the Scottish Premier award from Paul Sturrock of Dundee United (7.75).

The ex-Rangers midfielder was named Hearts' star man in two of his three matches during the month.

SCOTTISH PREMIER			
Alex MacDonald	Hearts	3	8.00
Paul Sturrock	Dundee United	4	7.75
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•Tony Towner



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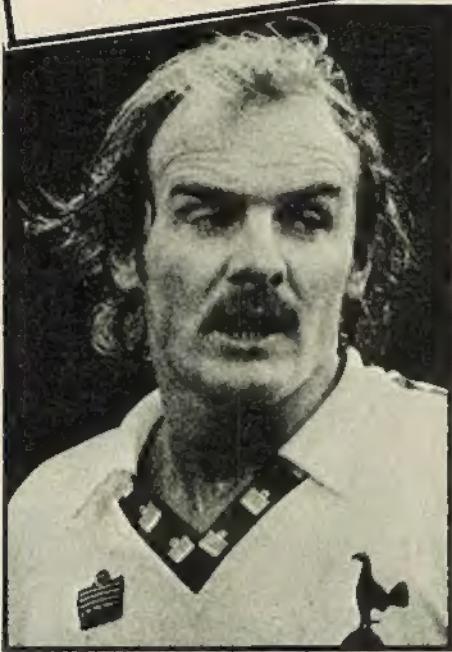
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LEAGUE CUP SEMI-FINAL

COVENTRY
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WEST HAM



• Above: Terry Yorath.

TERRY
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Spurs

Coventry kids for Wembley

COVENTRY have achieved so much without ever winning anything and I'd love to see them get to Wembley.

I think they will for three reasons; the enthusiasm of the youngsters in the side, their ability to score goals and the fact that they are the First Division side.

Of course West Ham beat us in the quarter-finals and what impressed me most about them was their determination — especially along the back four.

Having a goalkeeper like Phil Parkes behind them is a big help but they showed a lot of aggression.

One man Coventry will really have to watch is Trevor Brooking in midfield.

He's not going back to do as much defensive work as he used to and he's now scoring more goals per game than he's ever done.

Alongside him in midfield is Alan Devonshire. He's brilliant at picking up the ball deep and taking people on.

And up front West Ham have David Cross and Paul Goddard who seem to have hit it off — they are scoring plenty of goals between them.

As for Coventry they are a young team full of enthusiasm — a factor which in itself can sometimes get you through — but they have ability as well.

Gerry Daly in midfield is probably the biggest single influence on the team.

Up front Garry Thompson and Mark Hateley appear to be the first choice pairing now and they've done well together.

At the back they have Paul Dyson and Gary Gillespie. Paul's always been a very good player and it was always just a matter of time before he made it as a First Division player.

Gary is another good player and although he's still young he's played for the last three seasons now.

And let's not forget midfielder Andy Blair, who is a very athletic player with a good shot, and the naturally left-footed Steve Hunt who has been Coventry's best player this season.

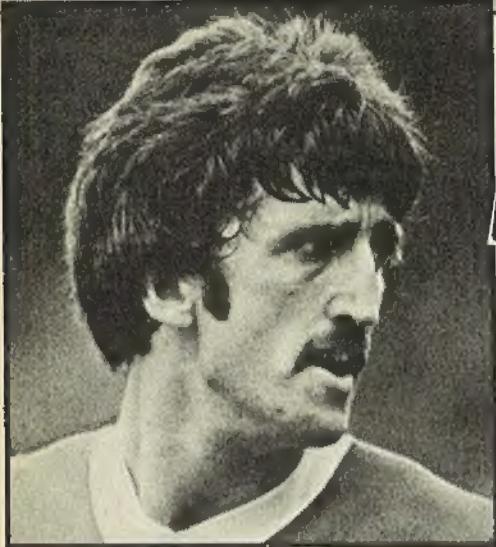
I can foresee two very open, entertaining ties and I take Coventry to win 3-2 on aggregate.

As for the other semi-final I have to go with Liverpool. Manchester City's problem is that three of their four new signings — Gerry Gow, Tommy Hutchison and Bobby MacDonald — all cup-tied.

Left: Trevor Brooking of West Ham — scoring more goals per game now than he's ever done.



FINAL PREVIEW



Liverpool's David Johnson

THERE'S only one winner for me — Liverpool.

I'd love to be able to predict a shock result but I just can't see Manchester City matching Liverpool's all-round strength.

Even when things aren't going well for the League Champions they have players who can turn a game on their own.

When we played them at Anfield in the last round we gave away a silly corner and Terry McDermott let fly with a volley on the edge of the box which flew past me — before that they had not played particularly well.

They possess an amazing number of players who can score goals — both in midfield and attack.

Kenny Dalglish is always going to get a goal out of nothing and I rate his partner

MAN CITY v LIVERPOOL

JEFF WEALANDS

Right:
Jeff Wealands.

Birmingham City

David Johnson very highly indeed.

As far as Manchester City we played them in October straight after John Bond had taken over and they looked terrible. It was a dismal game and we won 1-0 with a penalty in the final minutes.

But Bond seems to have instilled new confidence in the team and they will be a different proposition now.

Manchester City could hold out for a draw in the first leg at Maine Road — but I've no doubts that Liverpool will power through at Anfield.

As for the other semi-final, I can't see the young kids of Coventry overcoming

the experienced West Ham.

STRATTON On the League Cup

PREPARE yourselves for an action replay of last year's Charity Shield . . . it's Liverpool and West Ham for the League Cup final.

I fancy Manchester City and Coventry might provide a more entertaining clash beneath the twin towers.

Certainly the Shield game

between the 'Reds' and the 'Hammers' was poor value for money for the thousands that packed Wembley to watch the season's annual curtain raiser.

But no way can I see Liverpool falling at the final hurdle and Coventry's hopes of glory will be gently laid to rest at Upton Park.

The fact that the semi-final ties are two-leg affairs (and how I wish they'd scrap the idea) only strengthens my belief that it will be a Cockney-Merseyside sing-song on March 14.

Liverpool and West Ham are both at home for the second and deciding tie and that makes the task of their opponents all the more daunting.

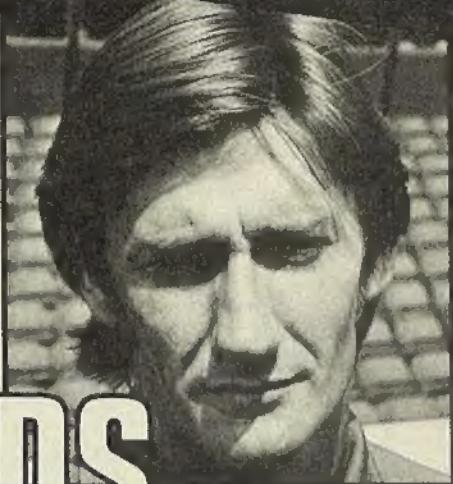
That's not to say Coventry and Manchester City will be anyone's pushovers.

Man City's Kevin Reeves — will always cause problems for defenders



THERE'S nothing quite like a cup semi-final for sheer excitement and next week Liverpool, Manchester City, Coventry and West Ham promise to provide the best in entertainment when they enter the first stage of their battle to reach Wembley.

Here top stars Terry Yorath and Jeff Wealands of beaten quarter-finalists Spurs and Birmingham exclusively preview next week's big two League Cup clashes . . . and name their two for the final.



Here are Match writer Paul Stratton's predicted scorelines for the League Cup semi-final matches.

There's a space for your forecasts, one for dad and a column for the actual results.

Award yourself two points for every score you get right, one point if you get a result right (e.g. home, away, draw) but the scoreline wrong.

Beat Paul's predictions

Match	My forecast	Your forecast	Dad's forecast	RESULT
Tuesday, Jan. 13 COVENTRY v WEST HAM	1-1			
Wednesday, Jan. 14 MANCHESTER CITY v LIVERPOOL	1-2			
Tuesday, Feb. 10 LIVERPOOL v MANCHESTER CITY	3-1			
Tuesday, Feb. 10 WEST HAM v COVENTRY	2-0			

WHO WON THIS WEEK

POINTS SCORED

PAUL

YOURSELF

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Aggregate scores carried forward to next week

PAUL

YOURSELF

DAD

Steve Coppell

IT'S GREAT to see Ray Wilkins back in action again — I know how frustrating it has been for him sitting on the treatment table looking out over our training ground.

We've all missed him — he's the inspiration in our side, he's fabulous for spreading and switching the play and giving us that little bit extra.

With his flair we might have won a few more games.

Ray's also a great boost in our Dwarfs v Giants practice matches — the under-five-foot-eights against the rest. Now he's back, Messers Coppell, Macari, Thomas, Sloan, Albiston and Wilkins have proved almost unbeatable against the likes of Jovanovic, McQueen, Bailey, Nicholl, Moran and Duxbury!

Great to see you, Ray

Steve Coppell — the Manchester United and England dynamo — writes only in Match Weekly.



Above: Phil Parkes — the key to a Hammers victory.

Mr Inspiration

I WAS sorry to see Jimmy Greenhoff leave Old Trafford. He has been a good friend and an inspiration to me as a player with his unselfish running and clever flicks.

I'm sure he'll do the same for some Crewe Alexandra youngsters and I wish him well.

Meanwhile, I'm keeping a close eye on Jimmy's promising nephew Alan Stevenson ... a right winger on our apprentice staff!

My annual event

HOPE you all had a good Christmas. I got my usual present from my mum — a selection box of sweets and a comic annual — just like the previous 20 years! I look forward to it, Christmas wouldn't be the same without 'Tough of the Track' and Christmas pud ... I hope it didn't show against Liverpool on Boxing day!

Radio rock

THOSE of you in the Manchester area may have heard Gary Bailey and I rockin' the night away on New Year's Eve. We thoroughly enjoyed our stint as disc jockeys on Piccadilly Radio. Hope you did too, if you heard it.

As well as our own favourites Uriah Heap (Gary) and Dire Straits (me) we played requests for Jimmy Nicholl (Rod Stewart), Nikki Jovanovic (ELO) and Gordon McQueen (Justin Hayward), but decided Lou Macari's request for Johnny Mathis was out of keeping!

Steve Coppell

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PARKES THE KEY

PHIL Parkes stands between Coventry City and their first ever Wembley final.

I believe he's the key to a Hammers victory over the Sky Blues in the League Cup semi-final.

A club needs a strong last line of defence in cup-ties and in a two-leg clash like this they don't come any better than Parkes.

I take West Ham to hold them in the first leg and win 2-1 in the return.

It's got to be my home town Liverpool in the other match against Manchester City. They're like a machine, though Phil Boyer could be a spanner in the works.

I'll be there watching both legs and may the best team win. I reckon 3-0 to Liverpool, overall.

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Left: Robbie James . . . 'no question of me being caught out by Newcastle's offside trap'.

James' little gem



ROBBIE JAMES
(Swansea) v
Newcastle Utd,
Football League
Division Two, Vetch
Field, Swansea,
December 13, 1980.

SLICK Swansea kept up their First Division promotion bid with the 4-0 demolition of once mighty Newcastle.

But Robbie James was not only fighting to get Swansea in the top flight for the first time ever but for his place in the side.

And he responded in the best possible way with two goals — the first a real gem after a flowing Swansea move.

With new signing Alan Curtis watching from the dug-out and waiting to take his place in the

Right: Leighton James . . . weaved his magic on the wing to supply the cross for Robbie's goal.

Swans attack, the striker knew the pressure was on.

"It was a particularly pleasing goal because I have been in and out of the team this season and getting one so early in the game helped my confidence.

"I remember that Dave Rushbury found Leighton James on the left wing with a great ball. Leighton weaved some of his magic and crossed the ball low and hard.

"Newcastle were trying to play the offside trap but as I had run from the centre circle to meet the ball there was no question of me being caught out.

"The cross found me and I just chipped it in," said Robbie modestly.



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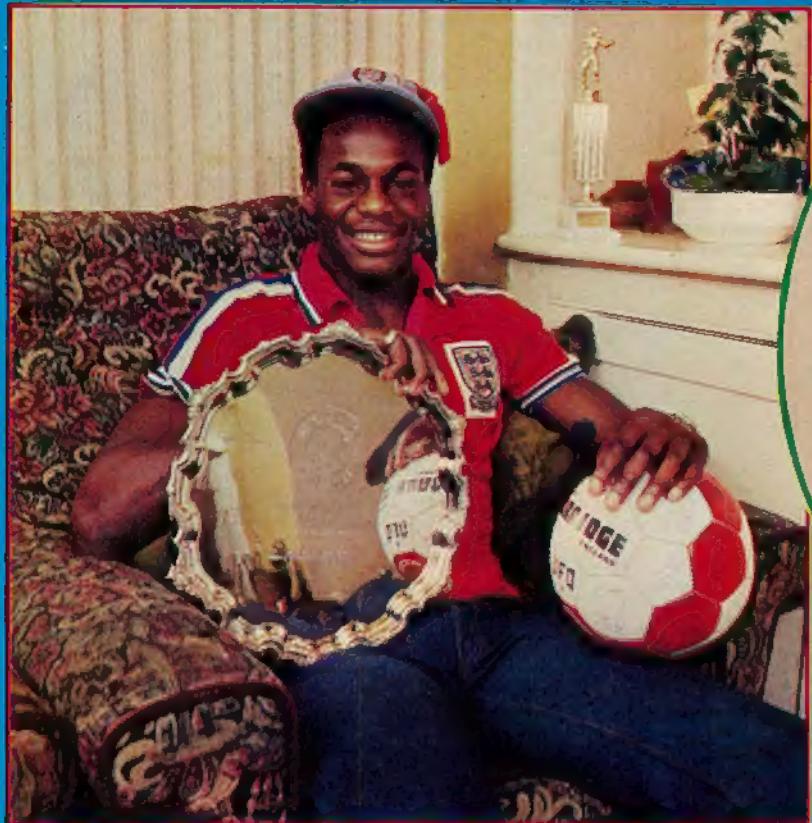
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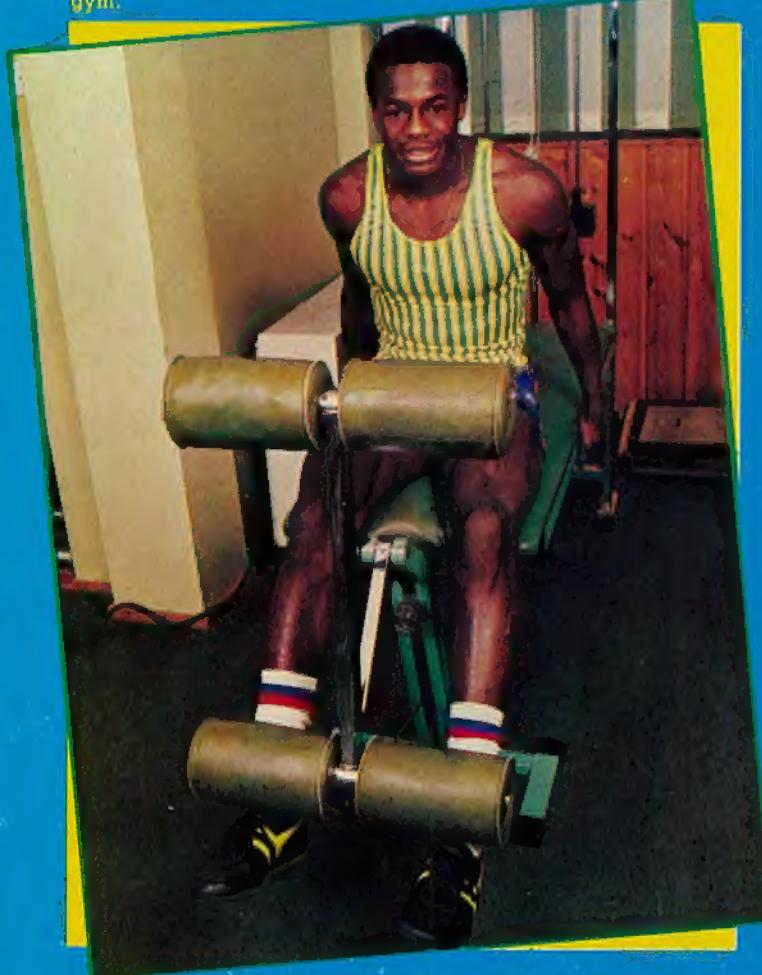
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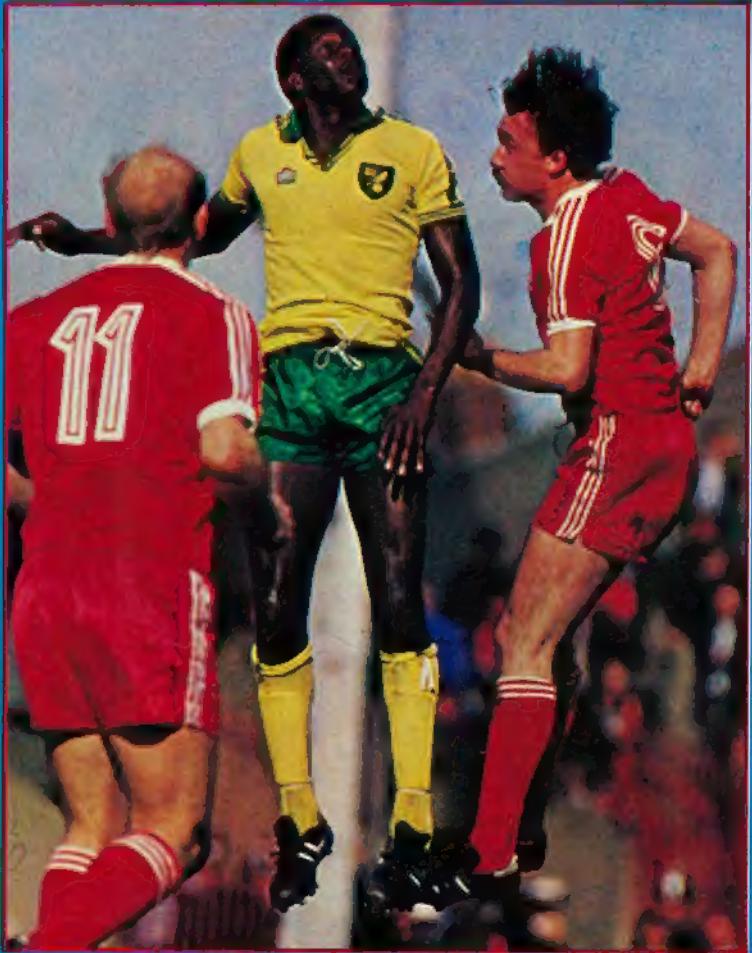
ABOVE: Justin the international footballer. He is seen here with his most prized souvenirs: an England under-21 shirt and cap, BBC's 'Goal of the Season' award and the ball from the first match this season when he hit a hat-trick against Stoke City.

Below right: Fashanu power. The Norwich City striker leaps above Middlesbrough's Tony McAndrew. Looking on is David Armstrong (11).

Below: Fitness fanatic Justin enjoys a work-out at a Norwich gym.



JUSTIN



MATCH WEEKLY visits the 'Other World' of Norwich City's highly-rated striker Justin Fashanu



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Richards chases 167 Going cheap

WOLVES striker John Richards could break his club's all-time scoring record by the end of the season.

For club skipper John is within striking distance of Billy Hartill's 167 goal tally set between 1928-35.

Just before Christmas John was 13 goals behind the record. He is also close to the most league goals of 159, also set by Hartill.

Said John: 'You don't think about records while you're playing but it would be nice to have your name in the record books for all time.'

John, who has picked up two League Cup winners medals in his 11 years at Molineux, made his debut in February 1970.



WOLVES striker John Richards — on the verge of breaking his club's all-time scoring record.

Spurs' find

SPURS manager Keith Burkinshaw has been noted as one of soccer's big spenders but he certainly pulled off a shrewd bit of business by plucking midfielder Graham Roberts from non-League Weymouth for £30,000.

Roberts, who has also had experience with Dorchester and was on Portsmouth's books, went to White Hart Lane in May and Burkinshaw now says:

"I knew when I bought him that he needed experience, but he impressed me immensely in the reserves and rose to the occasion well when given his first-team chance.

"He makes things happen for us just like Steve Perryman — and those sort of players are winners."

THERE have been over 30 cases of Football League clubs paying six-figure fees for players from Scottish League clubs.

But when did ANY player come into the English game from either Northern Ireland or Eire costing as much as £100,000?

Surely no-one is going to argue that Scottish players are really worth all that more than the cream of their Irish counterparts . . . or are they?

Goals galore

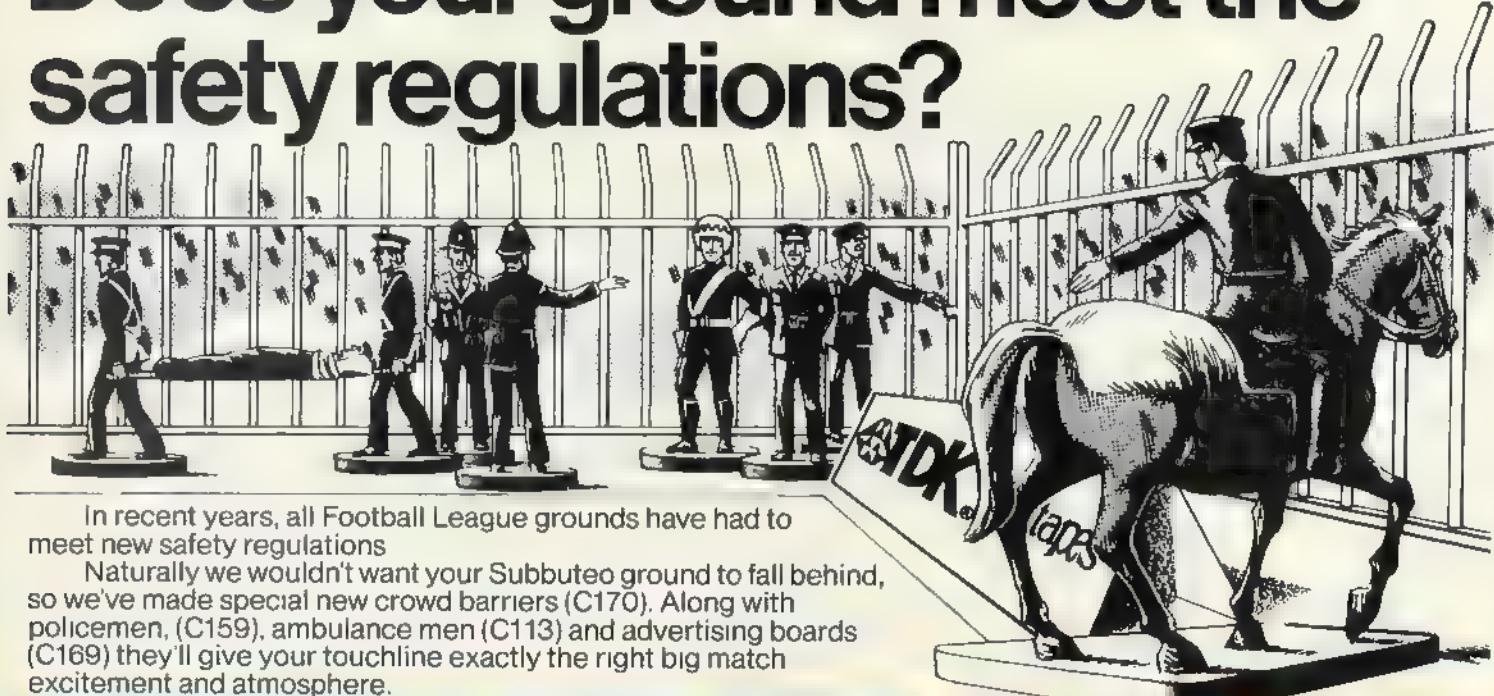
IF YOU add up the number of goals scored in the Football League on Saturday chances are it will come to between 100 and 120.

That's the average tally week in, week out now, so is it too much to hope the total will ever climb to the record figure reached on January 2, 1932, and February 1, 1936 . . . 209 goals in each case!

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Warters

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Francis boost for Wilkins

WHILE Trevor Francis returned in glory to Nottingham Forest's first team, his England team-mate Ray Wilkins was making his first real step towards a Manchester United comeback.



As Trevor took all the applause after scoring in Forest's 3-1 win over Sunderland, Ray was trudging off the pitch at Old Trafford after his first run-out in the reserves.

And Ray admits that the successful comeback of Trevor gave him the encouragement he needed.

"I saw Trevor in a reserve game at Old Trafford and he looked very aggressive and sharp. There's always a doubt you might not be as good as you used to be and seeing Trevor boosted my confidence," said Ray.

Ray was due to make his comeback to United's first team in the New Year after a stomach injury had kept him out all season.

"It's been a long drawn out injury and I'm glad it's all over — there were times when I got really cheeched off

"Once I started training with the other lads I began to feel much better — running to get back to full fitness on your own can be very depressing.

"United have had a disastrous season with injuries but at least it has given first team opportunities to youngsters like Mike Dubxbury.

"At the moment I am looking no further than consolidating my place in the Manchester United first team," added Ray.

RAY Wilkins in action for England. Now he's getting back to full fitness with Manchester United.

New look for internationals

THE HOME International Championships could be given a new format.

Discussions have taken place between the four associations and it looks certain that the current system of spreading the matches throughout one week at the end of the season will be axed.

The Championships have come under constant criticism in recent years because many people find them dull and boring.

The current format was introduced in 1968 but has not fired the fans' imagination.

It may be that the associations will revert back to the old system when the matches were spread throughout the season.

Another topic on the agenda at the meeting was the possibility of suspending the 1982 tournament because of our World Cup commitments.



Finders' keepers

IF AND when Chesterfield ever sell goalkeeper John Turner chances are he will join an incredible list of 'keepers to have been sold to bigger clubs.

Former Chesterfield 'keepers to have moved up the ladder include: Steve Ogrizovic (Liverpool), Steve Hardwick (Newcastle), Alan Stevenson (Burnley) and Glen Letheraman (Swansea), while Leeds' John Lukic was born there.

And don't forget that the great Gordon Banks one of the greatest goalkeepers in the world began his career at Saltergate.



Striker-light!

ROTHERHAM United came up with a novel idea in a bid to beat soccer's dwindling attendances by putting on a circus prior to their recent Third Division clash with Brentford at Millmoor.

Jugglers, acrobats, clowns, horses, performing dogs and even fire-eaters, as you can see, helped amuse the fans.

But Brentford didn't see the funny side they were really put through the hoop to the tune of a 4-1 defeat!

Programme Guide

HOTSPURS



SPURS

SPURS' ground at White Hart Lane may be in a state of upheaval as the builders complete the new stand, but there's nothing haphazard about their programme.

The North London club produce a very colourful magazine for their fans on the terraces.

There was colour throughout the issue including some splendid action shots and pin-ups of Spurs players.

We looked at the programme for the recent home game against Manchester City and for his 30p the fan got 24 bright pages.

The quality of the pictures were very good, but there were no features on the players or a column by the manager to back them up. However, a feature on ex-player Joe Kinnear took the eye.

City's details included a match by match record of their season so far and reports of three previous encounters between the clubs.

Good marks, too, for a good competition and crossword page.

Star rating guide:

★★★★★ Superb, ★★★★ Good, ★★★ Satisfactory, ★★ Poor, ★ Terrible.

The spurs programme rating: Content:

★★★★; Pictures: ★★★★; Colour:

★★★★ Club info: ★★★★;

Entertainment: ★★★; Value for money:

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ENGLISH LEAGUE

DIVISION I		HOME						AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Leeds		25	10	2	0	22	7	3	5	18	16	35			
Liverpool		24	10	1	2	28	9	5	3	18	13	34			
Derby		25	9	5	1	28	16	4	5	2	12	7	34		
QPR		25	9	4	0	20	5	1	6	5	12	15	30		
W. Ham		24	9	2	2	20	11	3	3	5	16	20	29		
Midlands		25	8	5	1	12	2	4	3	6	14	19	28		
Man City		25	7	5	1	24	8	2	4	6	14	16	27		
Ipswich		25	6	4	2	18	12	2	7	4	12	14	27		
Stoke		25	5	4	3	17	15	5	3	5	14	15	27		
Everton		25	5	5	1	22	13	4	4	6	19	33	27		
Newcastle		25	7	4	1	33	10	3	1	9	12	23	25		
A. Villa		25	8	3	1	25	11	0	6	8	6	23	24		
Covington		25	6	5	4	13	14	4	3	5	14	20	24		
Tottenham		25	3	8	3	16	20	2	5	5	19	21	23		
Leicester		25	4	6	2	18	17	1	7	5	9	19	23		
Norwich		25	6	4	3	21	14	2	2	8	15	26	22		
Arsenal		25	8	3	4	21	13	1	6	7	8	18	21		
Birmingham		25	6	3	4	21	18	1	1	10	14	31	18		
Wolves		25	3	6	6	12	15	2	2	8	13	23	18		
Burnley		25	3	4	4	13	14	1	3	10	11	26	15		
Sheff Utd		25	1	3	4	10	22	0	2	11	8	32	7		

DIVISION II		HOME						AWAY							
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Sunderland		25	12	1	0	30	6	3	3	5	8	9	35		
Bolton		24	7	3	1	22	8	6	4	3	19	16	33		
Bristol C		25	7	4	1	24	7	5	4	4	18	16	32		
Notts Co		25	8	4	1	22	5	4	2	8	12	17	30		
Shrewsbury		23	11	0	1	31	8	2	2	7	12	21	28		
WBA		25	4	7	1	12	8	5	3	5	12	16	28		
Oldham		25	9	3	1	24	14	2	3	7	13	24	20		
Luton		24	7	3	2	26	10	4	2	6	14	15	27		
Bristol R		25	5	5	3	14	11	3	6	3	12	12	27		
Fulham		24	5	4	3	18	10	4	3	5	12	16	25		
Blackpool		25	5	5	3	15	16	4	2	8	9	12	25		
Plymouth		25	9	2	2	25	12	0	4	1	7	20	24		
Notts F		25	5	1	6	14	11	3	6	4	13	13	23		
Donmell		24	6	4	2	13	7	1	5	5	8	16	23		
Chelsea		25	5	4	3	18	10	3	3	7	13	22	23		
Carlisle		25	6	4	2	14	10	2	3	3	8	20	23		
Hull City		25	6	3	5	10	14	3	1	7	9	11	22		
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Blackburn		24	3	5	5	12	14	2	5	4	10	14	20		
Oxford U		25	3	4	6	13	17	2	3	7	11	19	17		
York C		25	4	1	6	13	19	1	4	9	6	24	15		
Portsmouth		25	1	5	7	6	14	3	1	8	10	22	14		

DIVISION III		HOME						AWAY							
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C Palace		25	5	4	3	19	11	6	3	2	21	10	33		
Walsall		26	7	5	2	22	12	4	2	6	15	21	29		
Brighton		23	9	0	2	29	9	4	2	6	14	27			
Hereford		21	5	3	2	15	11	6	2	3	19	16	27		
Walsall		23	6	4	1	20	10	2	6	4	17	22	26		
Cardiff		23	7	3	2	23	9	3	2	6	14	19	25		
Bury		23	6	3	2	16	5	2	6	4	11	15	25		
Port Vale		24	7	4	2	19	10	2	3	6	12	15	25		
Millwall		24	7	3	1	17	10	1	5	5	12	22	25		
Shrewsbury		22	8	0	4	22	16	2	4	10	14	24			
Wrexham		24	6	4	1	15	8	3	2	8	13	21	24		
Rotherham		23	4	3	3	18	13	3	3	5	9	15	24		
Chester		23	6	5	2	18	11	2	3	5	7	19	24		
Gillingham		23	6	5	2	22	15	1	4	5	8	16	23		
Grimsby		24	9	3	0	26	10	1	0	11	11	24	23		
Preston		22	5	2	2	15	10	3	4	6	11	17	22		
Aldershot		23	6	5	2	20	15	1	3	6	12	23	22		
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Chesterfield		24	5	4	2	17	18	2	2	7	9	20	20		
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Swindon		23	5	1	4	19	13	1	2	10	8	29	15		
Mansfield		22	3	3	4	15	14	1	3	8	11	22	14		

DIVISION IV		HOME						AWAY							
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Partick		21	8	1	1	20	8	5	5	1	15	10	32		
Kilmarnock		21	9	1	1	25	9	5	1	4	14	13	30		
Montrose		20	8	2	1	25	16	2	2	5	14	15	24		
St Mirren		20	6	4	0	20	9	2	2	6	10	19	22		
Airdrie		21	4	4	2	21	17	2	5	4	17	16	21		
Arbroath		20	6	1	3	19	13	3	2	5	15	20	21		
East Fife		21	5	3	2	22	17	2	3	6	13	24	20		
Falkirk		21	5	2	3	14	10	3	1	7	19	22	19		
Morton		20	3	5	3	12	13	2	3	4	11	17	18		
Dumbarton		20	5	2	3	23	20	2	1	7	17	22	17		
Dundee		21	3	5	2	13	15	1	4	6	11	27	17		
Hamilton		19	4	2	3	10	7	1	4	5	15	21	16		
On of St		21	6	4	3	22	24	1	2	7	10	18	16		
Clyde		20	3	1	6	18	18	2	2	6	13	20	13		

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

SCOTTISH — PREMIER		HOME						AWAY							
		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		
Celtic		21	5	3	2	20	14	3	1	3	23	12	28		
Rangers		21	9	1	1	24	8	3	3	4	12	11	29		
Hibernian															

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This week's questions follow:

1. Who was the captain of my old club Celtic when they won the European Cup?
2. One of my boyhood heroes Denis Law once played for an Italian club . . . which club?
3. I've scored a goal in the European Cup Final . . . who against?
4. My first full Scottish cap was awarded when I came on as substitute against Belgium, was it in 1971, 1974 or 1975?
5. I've played in a League Cup Final for Liverpool, who against?

Another great Match prize



See Question One

IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. On October 26, 1980 Lincoln City defeated Northampton 8-0 — which player scored four of their goals?
2. From which Non-League team did West Bromwich Albion sign goalkeeper Tony Godden?
3. On which grounds do the following play their home games? a) Leicester City, b) Reading, c) Alloa.
4. With which club did Denis Rofe begin his League career?
5. Who was the last player to score four goals in a First Division game?
6. Which Football League club had their stand burnt down in the first week of this season?
7. Who is the new manager of Bournemouth?
8. Identify the following League clubs from their nick names a) The Pirates, b) The Hatters, c) The Honest Men.
9. Which European country defeated Brazil in Rio de Janeiro on June 15, 1980?
10. Which Football League club did Enfield beat in this year's FA Cup Second Round?

Answers

1. Gordon Hobson, 2. Ashford Town, 3. a) High Street, b) Elm Park, c) Recreation Ground, 4. Ometi, 5. Mick Ferguson of Coventry, 6. Bristol Rovers, 7. David Webb, 8. a) Bristol Rovers, b) Luton Town, c) Ayre United, 9. Russia, 10. Herford United.



Tony Godden — see question 54

WHISTLE STOP

If a player kicks the ball directly into his opponent's goal (without another player touching it) from an indirect free-kick does the referee . . .

- Have the kick re-taken
- Award a goal kick
- Award a free-kick to the defending side from the original position.

Answers

Award a goal-kick

AMERICAN TANGLE

Can you untangle the names of these North American Soccer League teams by discovering the names that complete the line-up.

- 1 Minnesota.
- 2 Portland
- 3 Fort Lauderdale
- 4 Washington
- 5 Memphis
- 6 Detroit

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Drillers Kicks Diplomats
Timbers Rogues
Answers
Diplomats, 5 Rogues, 6 Express.

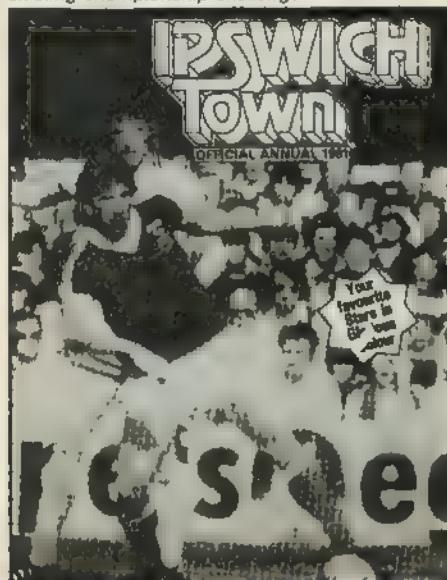
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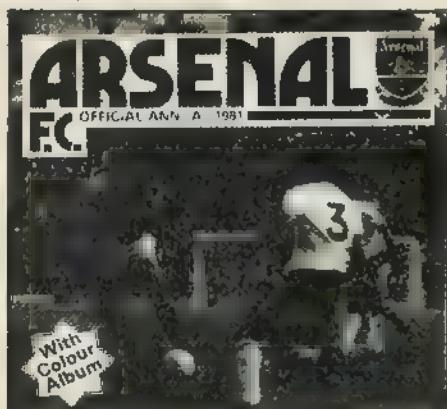
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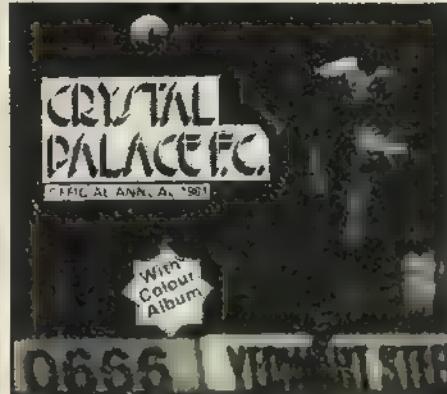


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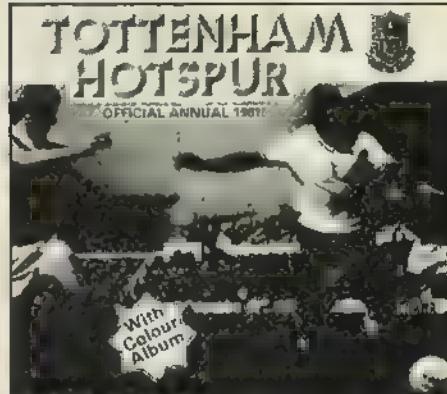
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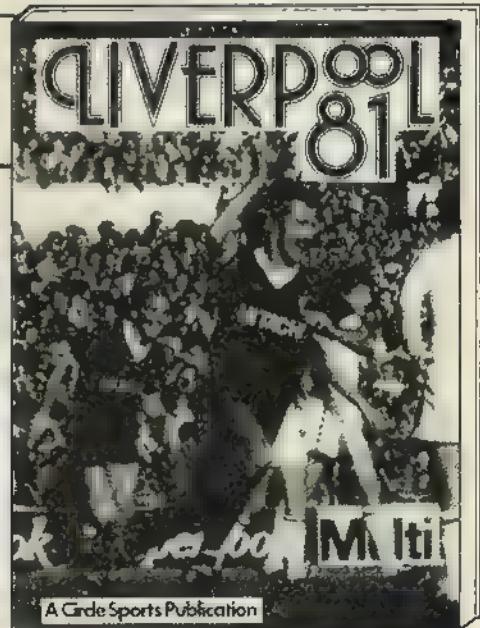
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TACKLE A STAR

TIM DEAS,

from Woodthorpe, Nottingham

WHAT is your pre-match meal, and what are your ambitions in the game?

TONY: Well, Tim, I like an odd mixture of food before a game. My menu usually consists of: Sugar Puffs, fruit salad, followed by tea, toast and jam.

All these give you energy and are easy to digest. I have tried come back to my original menu.

As for ambitions in the game... I would love to win a major honour with Villa.

We are a very young side and I believe it will be our own fault if we don't carry off a major honour in the next couple of years.

I would also love to play for England. Earlier this season I was called up as a late replacement for the England 'B' game against Australia and played the last 20 minutes at St Andrew's, Birmingham.

It's good to know that the England selectors have me in mind — and at 24-years-old I have not given up hope of a full cap.

This Week

Aston Villa's

TONY MORLEY

WALTER MCKEOWN

Stratchclyde, Scotland

WHAT are your interests outside the game, and how do you relax after a match?

TONY: I enjoy shooting and swimming although I don't have much time to do either of these nowadays because I am busy moving into a new house in the Birmingham area.

I am very tense after a match so I usually go straight home and relax.

Then at about 8.30pm I like to go out for a meal and a drink with some friends and wind down properly.

KEVIN EDWARDS,

from Weddington, Nuneaton, Warks

DO you prefer playing on the left side of midfield and coming inside to shoot with your right foot, or the other way round?

TONY: I am lucky enough to be able to play on both flanks, although I must admit that being naturally right-footed I prefer it on the right.

I enjoy coming inside and having a crack at goal — and this season it has paid off. I shall be upset if I can't get into double figures.

My job is to break wide to support the attack when we are in possession and come back to help the midfield when they have the ball.

DAVID DUNBAR,

Erdington, Birmingham . . .

HOW good do you think Aston Villa are, and have they got what it takes to win the First Division championship?

TONY: The present squad is very strong indeed and I believe we are capable of winning the title. We won't get a better chance than we have now.

Many people began to doubt us as championship challengers following our recent poor spell — but we are still confident that we can have a big say in where the trophy ends up.

We have played all the big teams away from home — so have nothing to fear. Liverpool and Ipswich have still to come to Villa Park.

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HEARD the one about the Scotsman who, on his return from the World Cup in Argentina, strangled his pigeons because they kept on saying: "Peru, Peru!"

Robert Salton, Cambridge.



"A TALL dark stranger will bring you bad news."

Match Weekly



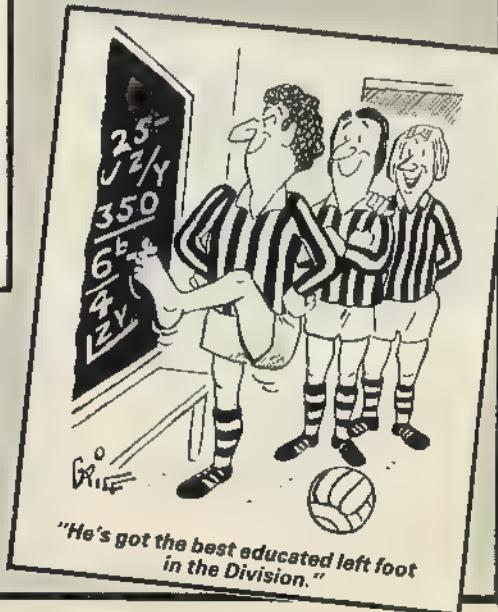
THE MANAGER of a relegation haunted First Division club collapsed and went into a coma.

He was taken to the city's Northern Hospital. When he awoke he asked: "Where am I?"

"You're in the Northern," replied the nurse.

"What's happened to the Second, Third and Fourth Divisions?" asked the bemused boss Iain Alexander (14), Holyhead, Anglesey.

CHAIRMAN (of FA Disciplinary Committee): "I have no alternative but to fine you, Jimmy Smith, £100".
 Jimmy: "American Express?"
 Chairman: "That will do nicely".
 Duncan Smart (9), Chilwell, Notts.

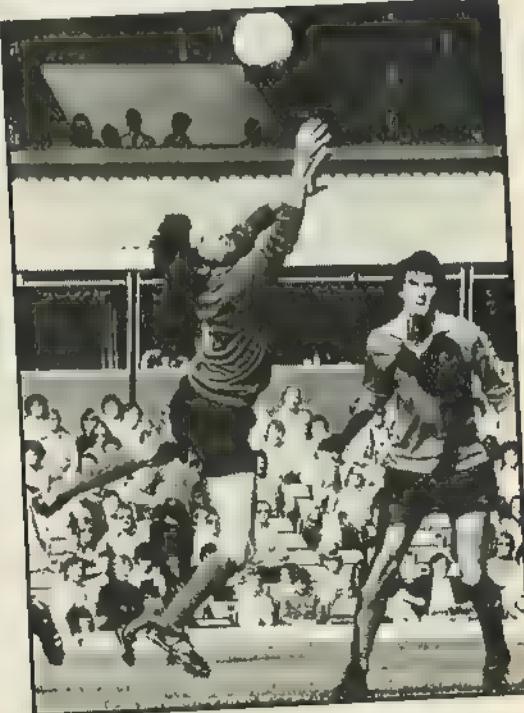


Huddersfield's Andy Rankin — third in the race to find the Third Division's top stopper.



Rotherham's Ray Mountford . . . Nicky Johns main rival in the Third Division, but still a long way behind the leader.

Below: Nicky Johns in typical action for Charlton. He had an incredible record at the half way stage, conceding on average one goal every 270 minutes of play.



FOOTNOTE: Match Weekly acknowledges the part played by defenders in establishing these goalkeeping records.

DIVISIONS
THREE
AND FOUR

TOP

STOPPERS

CHARLTON Athletic have emerged as Division Three championship contenders this season — and little wonder with the safe hands of Nicky Johns as the last line of defence.

During the first half of the season the former Millwall and Tampa Bay goalkeeper conceded only five goals in 15 matches . . . that's an incredible average of one goal every 270 minutes.

Remarkably he kept 12 clean sheets in that spell as Mike Bailey's side produced a club record sequence of unbeaten matches.

Also impressive was the record of Lincoln City's David Felgate, the Fourth Division's safest 'keeper' at the half-way stage with only 11 goals conceded in 20 matches . . . an average of 164 minutes per goal.

Felgate lost his place in the Lincoln side when manager Colin Murphy signed former Derby 'keeper Colin Boulton, but he had to be recalled when the new arrival broke a leg.

Two Rotherham 'keepers appear in the top four in Division Three, Ray Mountford (129 minutes per goal) and Graham Brown (111).

Sandwiched between them is veteran Andy Rankin, the former Everton favourite now helping Huddersfield stay in the promotion race.

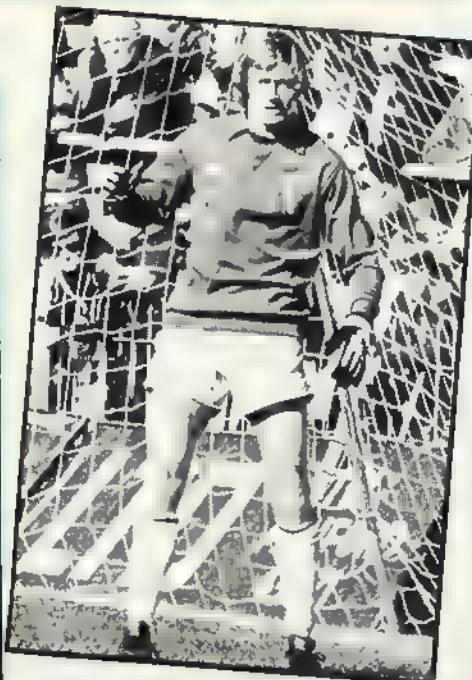
THE FIRST column in the table below shows the number of games played. The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes between each goal.

Note: Only League, League Cup and FA Cup matches up to and including those played on December 8 have been used in this compilation table.

DIVISION FOUR

KEEPER	Games	Goals	Mins played per goal
1 David Felgate (Lincoln)	20	11	164
2 Mervyn Cawston (Southend)	25	18	125
3 Glen Johnson (Aldershot)	22	19	104
4 Rod Arnold (Manfield)	28	27	93
5 Dave Beasant (Wimbledon)	20	20	90
5 Martin Burleigh (Hartlepool)	15	15	90
7 Ken Allen (Bournemouth)	25	27	83
8 Eddie Blackburn (York)	27	32	76
9 Bob Ward (Wigan)	13	16	73
9 Willie Boyd (Doncaster)	25	31	73
11 Steve Smith (Bradford City)	27	34	71
11 David Lawson (Stockport)	27	34	71
11 Keith Waugh (Peterborough)	26	33	71
14 Joe Neenan (Scunthorpe)	23	30	69
15 Vince O'Keefe (Torquay)	25	33	68
16 Mark Harrison (Port Vale)	20	28	64
17 Neville Southall (Bury)	18	26	62
18 Dick Johnson (Tranmere)	28	41	61
18 Ken Mulhern (Crewe)	25	37	61
20 Drew Brand (Hereford)	19	29	59
21 Graham Richardson (Hartlepool)	11	17	58
22 John Brown (Wigan)	14	22	57
22 Graeme Crawford (Rochdale)	19	30	57
24 John Kilner (Halifax)	26	43	54
25 Andy Poole (Northampton)	25	46	49

Below: Southend's Mervyn Cawston — in second spot in the Fourth Division at the half way stage.



DIVISION THREE			
KEEPER	Games	Goals	Mins played per goal
1 Nicky Johns (Charlton)	15	5	270
2 Ray Mountford (Rotherham)	10	7	129
3 Andy Rankin (Huddersfield)	27	19	111
4 Graham Brown (Rotherham)	16	13	111
5 Grenville Millington (Chester)	25	22	102
6 John Turner (Chesterfield)	26	23	102
7 Alan Stevenson (Burnley)	27	24	101
8 Geoff Cradginton (Plymouth)	26	25	94
9 Martin New (Barnsley)	27	27	90
10 Peter Mellor (Portsmouth)	29	32	82
11 Derek Richardson (Sheffield U)	27	30	81
12 Roy Burton (Oxford)	24	28	77
13 Mark Kendall (Newport)	15	18	75
14 David McKellar (Brentford)	19	23	74
15 Jeff Wood (Charlton)	13	16	73
16 Mike Walker (Colchester)	26	35	67
17 Ian Main (Exeter)	15	21	64
17 Gerry Peyton (Fulham)	24	34	64
19 John Jackson (Millwall)	16	23	63
20 Ron Hillyard (Gillingham)	29	42	62
20 Ian Turner (Walsall)	13	19	62
22 Steve Death (Reading)	25	37	61
23 Iain Hesford (Blackpool)	24	36	60
24 Peter Gleasure (Millwall)	10	16	56
25 Tony Norman (Hull)	26	43	54
25 Jimmy Allan (Swindon)	28	47	54
27 Trevor Swinburne (Carlisle)	22	45	44

Keith Waugh of Peterborough — after 26 games he had conceded a goal every 71 minutes to take eleventh spot in the Fourth Division table.



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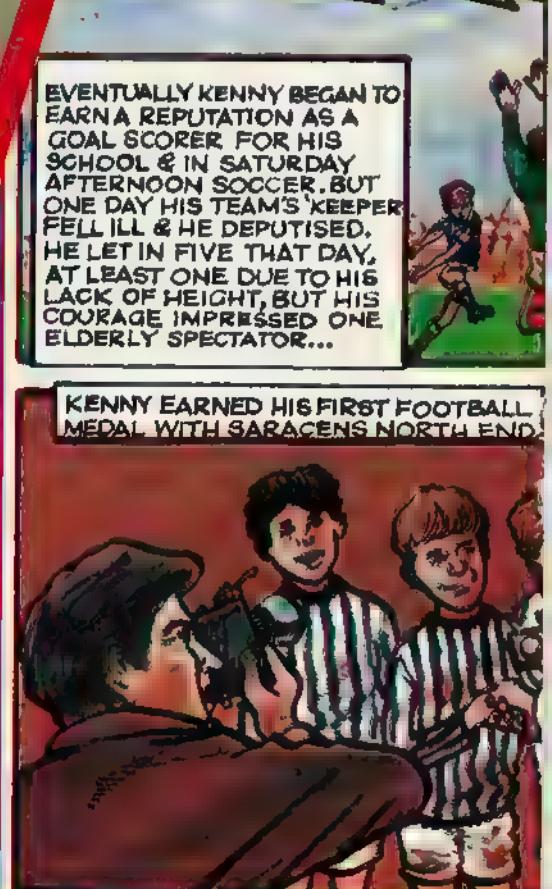


ONE YEAR HE & HIS PALS AGREED TO ASK SANTA CLAUS FOR IDENTICAL GIFTS... & ONE FROSTY CHRISTMAS DAY 'MILTON MILAN' NAMED AFTER KENNY'S DISTRICT & THE FORMIDABLE ITALIAN CLUB STEPPED OUT IN SMART MAROON & WHITE KIT.

WE MAY NOT BE THE BEST IN SCOTLAND BUT I BET WE'RE THE SMARTEST.

EVENTUALLY KENNY BEGAN TO EARN A REPUTATION AS A GOAL SCORER FOR HIS SCHOOL & IN SATURDAY AFTERNOON SOCCER. BUT ONE DAY HIS TEAM'S KEEPER FELL ILL & HE DEPUTISED. HE LET IN FIVE THAT DAY, AT LEAST ONE DUE TO HIS LACK OF HEIGHT, BUT HIS COURAGE IMPRESSED ONE ELDERLY SPECTATOR...

KENNY EARNED HIS FIRST FOOTBALL MEDAL WITH SARACENS NORTH END.



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KENNY DALGLISH Story

THIS IS THE STORY OF KENNY DALGLISH. BORN MARCH 4th 1961 IN DALMARNOCK, A SUBURB OF GLASGOW, WHERE HE LIVED WITH HIS FATHER BILL, MUM CATHY & SISTER CAROL.

KENNY FIRST SUPPORTED RANGERS, WHEN HE WATCHED THEM IN EUROPEAN CUP MATCHES AT IBROX UNDER FLOODLIGHTS.

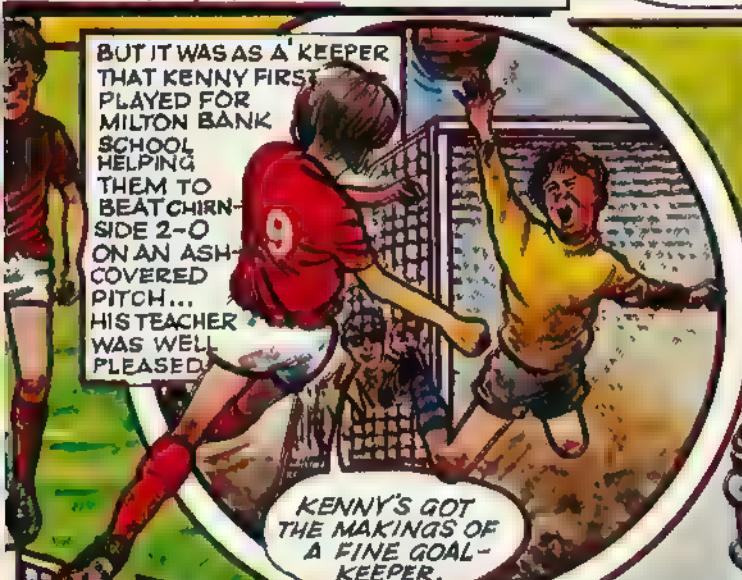
BUT KENNY HAD TO SETTLE FOR SOCCER UNDER STREET LIGHTS & AS HE WAS THE YOUNGEST USUALLY HE PLAYED IN GOAL.



THAT COULD BE YOU ONE DAY, SON, IF YOU WORK HARD... C'MON YOU 'GERS!

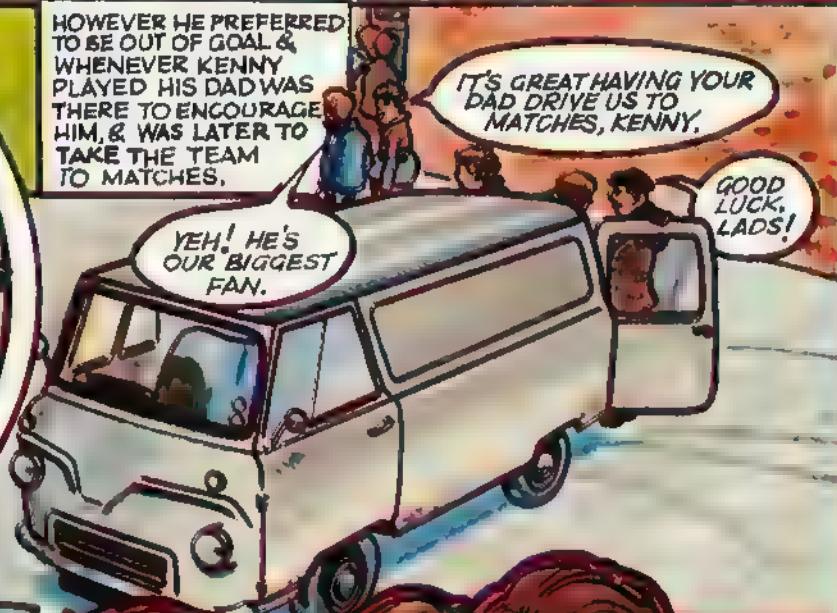
YES, DAD! WHAT I'D GIVE TO PLAY UNDER FLOODLIGHTS.

BUT IT WAS AS A KEEPER THAT KENNY FIRST PLAYED FOR MILTON BANK SCHOOL, HELPING THEM TO BEAT CHIRN-SIDE 2-0 ON AN ASH-COVERED PITCH... HIS TEACHER WAS WELL PLEASED.



KENNY'S GOT THE MAKINGS OF A FINE GOAL-KEEPER.

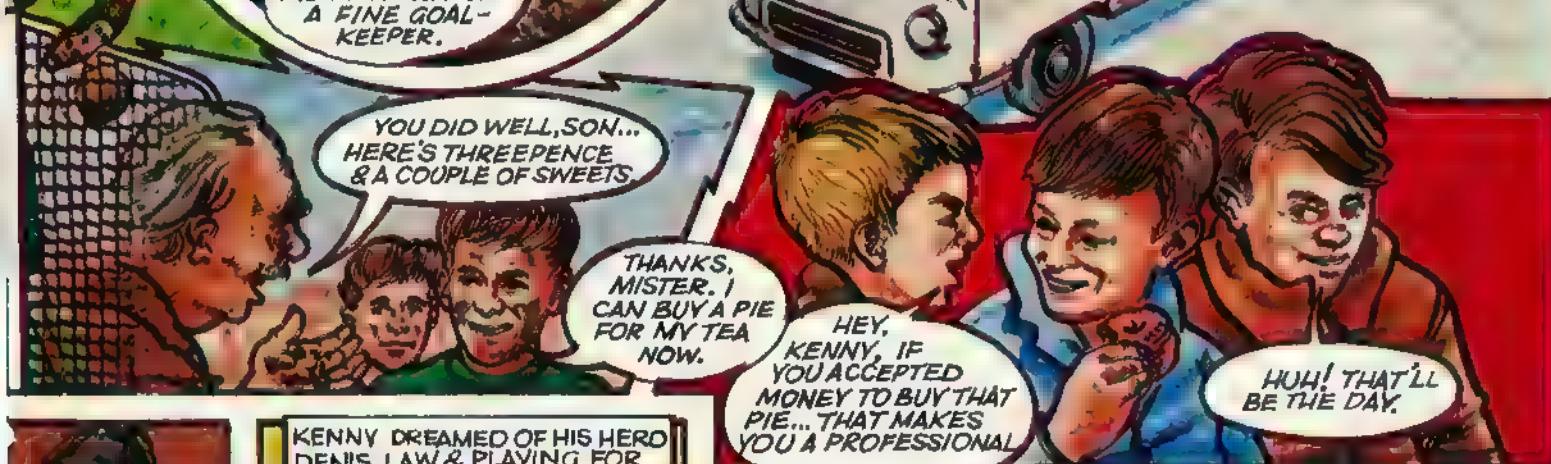
HOWEVER HE PREFERRED TO BE OUT OF GOAL & WHENEVER KENNY PLAYED HIS DAD WAS THERE TO ENCOURAGE HIM, & WAS LATER TO TAKE THE TEAM TO MATCHES.



YEH! HE'S OUR BIGGEST FAN.

IT'S GREAT HAVING YOUR DAD DRIVE US TO MATCHES, KENNY.

GOOD LUCK, LAADS!



KENNY DREAMED OF HIS HERO DENIS LAW & PLAYING FOR SCOTLAND...

... & HE WAS BEGINNING TO CATCH THE EYE OF NATIONAL SELECTORS PLAYING FOR GLASGOW BOYS.



LET'S HOPE THIS WILL BE FIRST OF MANY, KENNY.

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NEXT WEEK

READ HOW KENNY WINS HIS FIRST SCHOOL BOY CAP & ATTRACTS THE BIG CLUBS TO HIS DOOR.

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STAR GALLERY

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Our Star Gallery feature has really captured your imagination.

You have flooded us with drawings of your favourite players... and we want you to keep sending them in.

It's great fun having a go and you could win yourself £2 in the process.

Just send us your drawing together with a small note telling us why you think your chosen player deserves a place in the Match Weekly Star Gallery.

Write to Star Gallery, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Meanwhile here's a small selection of those drawings we have received so far...

Above: Garth Crooks through the eyes of Iain Holmans (11) of Margate, Kent. Says Iain: "I drew Garth because he is one of my favourite Spurs players. He has tremendous ability and is one of Spurs best ever buys."

Eleven year old Ian Wheale of Redditch, Worcestershire, sent us this drawing of West Brom's Bryan Robson, and says of the young England star: "He is one of the most talented young players in the First Division."

Left: Mark Humpage of Market Drayton, Shropshire, delivered this fine drawing of Manchester United's Arthur Albiston with the note: "Arthur has been a consistent performer in the United defence over the past few seasons and now deserves a full Scottish cap."

Below: Alan Browning (12) of Berkeley, Glos., obviously used our fabulous Matchmaker poster of Alan Sunderland as a guide in drawing this action shot of the Arsenal star of whom he says: "He deserves a place in Star Gallery for scoring the winning goal in the FA Cup Final against Manchester United — just one of his many goals for Arsenal."



Above: This marvellous likeness of Leeds Argentinian star Alex Sabela was sent in by 13-year-old Peter Attaway who says: "Alex is my favourite player and although he is overshadowed by Ardiles and Thissen he can be a world beater on his day."

Below Liverpool's Steve Heighway may not be able to claim a first team place these days but he hasn't been forgotten by Alan Boon of Daventry, Northants., who drew this picture of Steve because: "He scored most of the best goals last season."



Below: Three for the price of one! This trio of Liverpool stars — David Johnson, Terry McDermott and Phil Neal — was drawn by Martin Bentham (15) of Bolton, Lancs., who wrote: "They are three of the best who play for the best. Johnson and McDermott make a precise partnership capable of beating any defence and Neal's defensive ability is unquestionably among the best in the country."



Player ratings

- 10 - Out of this world
- 9 - Outstanding
- 8 - Excellent
- 7 - Good
- 6 - Adequate
- 5 - Off form
- 4 - Poor

Match rating

- ★★★★★ A classic
- ★★★★ Good value
- ★★★ Satisfactory
- ★★ Dull
- ★ Waste of money

Saturday, Dec. 20

SCOTTISH Premier Division

HEARTS (0) 0
MORTON (0) 0
Att. 1,946
Hearts: Brough 7, More 6, Shields 7, Denny 6, McVie 7, Robinson 6, Hamill 7, MacDonald 7 (sub Masterton 6), Gibson 7 (sub O'Connor 6). ★CORN 8, O'Brien 7
Morton: Barnes 7, Hayes 6, Holmes 7, McLaughlin 7, Orr 7, Rooney 6, Thomson 7, McNeill 7, Tolmie 7. ★BUSBY 8, Ritchie 7 (sub Rice)
Referee: C. White (Clarkston)
Match Rating: ★★

KILMARNOCK (1) 1 (Bourke 23)
RANGERS (0) 1 (Russell 52)
Att. 9,500
Kilmarnock: Wilson 7, Clarke 7, Johnstone, A 7, McClurg 6, Williamson 7, Mauchlen 6. ★HOUSTON 8, Hughes 7, Davis 7, Rennie 7, Bourke 7
Rangers: McCloy 7, Jardine 7, Dawson 6, Johnstone, D 6 (sub Cooper 7), Jackson 7, Bett 7, McLean 6, MacDonald 6, Russell 6, MacAdam 7, Johnston 6
Referee: A. Davidson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★

PARTICK (1) 1 (Watson, pen 8)
ABERDEEN (1) 1 McCall 20)
Att. 4,300
Partick: ★ROUGH 8, Doyle 7, Whitaker 7, Campbell 7, Anderson 8, Watson 6, Park 7, Jardine 7, Torrance 7, O'Hara 6, Clark 6
Aberdeen: Leighton 6, Kennedy 7, Considine 6, McLeish 7, Garner 6 (sub Simpson 7), Miller 6, Strachan 7, ★MCALL 8, McGhee 6, Angus 6, Scanlon 6 (sub Davidson)
Referee: A. Ferguson (Giffnock)
Match Rating: ★★★

ST MIRREN (0) 3 (Bone 50, Somner 52, 76)
DUNDEE UNITED (2) 3 (Dodds 14, Gibson 44, Pettigrew 69)
Att. 5,362
St Mirren: Thomson 7, Abercrombie 7, Beckett 6, McLaughlin 7, Copland 7, Richardson 6, Stark 7, ★BONE 8, Somner 7, McDougall 6, Weir 7
Dundee Utd: McAlpine 7, Phillip 7, Kopel 8, Narey 7, Hegarty 7, Rennie 6, Payne 7, Gibson 6, Sturrock 7, Pettigrew 7, ★DODDS 8.
Referee: I. Hewitt (Glasgow)
Match Rating: ★★★

First Division

BERWICK RANGERS (0) 0
FALKIRK (2) 4 (Oliver 20, 80, Kettings 30 Brown 52)
Att. 682

DUMBARTON (1) 1 (Gallagher 40)
DUNFERMLINE (0) 0
Att. 400

DUNDEE (1) 1 (Sinclair 15 secs)
HIBERNIAN (0) 0
Att. 7,454

EAST STIRLING (0) 1 (McCaig 48)
ST JOHNSTONE (0) 1 (Morton 55)
Att. 715

MOTHERWELL (0) 3 (Forbes 48, Clelland 54, 70)
CLYDEBANK (0) 0
Att. 950

RAITH (0) 2 (Forsyth 50, Miller 79)
AYR (1) 1 (Morris 25)
Att. 2,000

Division Two

ALLOA (2) 2 (Holt 6, Mornson 44)
EAST FIFE (1) 1 (Duncan 3)
Att. 600

ARBROATH (0) 2 (Hyslop 63, Gavine 83)
CLYDE (0) 2 (Dempster 50, Masterton 76)
Att. 537

QUEENS PARK (1) 2 (McGregor, pen 22, Grant 49)
ALBION (0) 0
Att. 850

STRANRAER (0) 0
BRECHIN (0) 1 (Keating 72)
Att. 200

Postponed Matches: Montrose v Forfar, Queen of the South v Cowdenbeath, Stenhousemuir v Meadowbank.

Scottish Cup

First Round Replay

BUCKIE (0) 3 (Johnson 60, Taylor 64, Wilson 85)
MEADOWBANK (1) 2 (Davidson 35, Geddes 74)
Att. 680

Monday, Dec. 22

FA Cup Second Round, Second Replay

GILLINGHAM (0) 0
MAIDSTONE (0) 2 (Newson 48, Ovrad 82)
Att. 7,941
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Ford 6, Bruce 6, Overton 6, Crabbe 6, ★NICHOLL 8, Hughes 6, Price 6, Westwood 6, White 6 (sub Lloyd)
Maidstone: Guy 8, Thompson 8, Kinnear 7, Hill 8, Hutton 7, Hamberger 8, ★DAUBNEY 9, Ovrad 8, Woon 7, Wiltshire 7, Newson 7
Referee: M. Bidmead (Chessington)
Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 2 (Norrie 65, Croft 114)
BLYTH SPARTANS (0) 1 (Mutrie, pen 85)
After Extra Time Score 1-1 at 90 minutes
Att. 5,914
Hull: Norman 7, Booth 6, McNeil 6, Croft 8, Roberts, G 7, ★ROBERTS, J 9, Manwood 6 (sub Moss 6), McLaren 6, Edwards 7, Norrie 8, Deacy 7
Blyth: Clarke 6, Grierson 7, Walker, A 7, Young 6, Hutchinson 7, Dixon 7, Walker, P 6 (sub Boylan), Johnson 7, Hogan 6, ★MUTRIE 8, Barker 6
Referee: D. Owen (Wirral)
Match Rating: ★★★

Friday, Dec. 26

Division One

ASTON VILLA (1) 1 (Withe 38)
STOKE (0) 0
Att. 34,658

Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 6, Williams 6, Evans, A 6, McNaught 7, Mortimer 6, Bremner 7, Shaw 8
★WITHE 9, Cowans 6, Morley 7, Stoke: ★FOX 8, Evans, R 6, Hampton 6, Dodd 6, O'Callaghan 6, Doyle 7, Randall 5 (sub Griffiths 5), Heath 5, Chapman 6, Bracewell 6, Munro 6
Referee: M. P. Scott (Nottingham)
Match Rating: ★★★

COVENTRY (1) 1 (Daly 20)
MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0
Att. 16,066

Coventry: Sealey 7, Thomas 6, Roberts 7, Blair 6, ★DYSON 8, Gillespie 7, Bodak 7, Daly 6, Thompson 7, Hateley 7, Hunt 7, Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Craggs 6, Bailey 6, ★JOHNSTON 8, Aitchcroft 7, Natrass 7, Cochrane 7, Proctor 7 (sub McAndrew), Hodgson 7, Shearer 6, Armstrong 7
Referee: D. Vickers (Ilford)
Match Rating: ★★★

CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Sealy 38, 81)

ARSENAL (1) 2 (Stapleton 10, McDermott 53)
Att. 29,850
Crystal Palace: Fry 6, Hinshelwood 7, Boyle 7, Nicholas 6, Cannon 7, Gilbert 6, Murphy 6, Francis 7, Allen 7
★SEALY 8, Hilaire 6 (sub Smiley 6)
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 6, Sansom 7, Talbot 6, Walford 7, Young 8, Hollins 7, Vaessen 6, Stapleton 8, McDermott 7, ★RIX 9
Referee: B. Stevens (Stonehouse)
Match Rating: ★★★

EVERTON (0) 0

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 2 (Gow 47, Power 89)
Att. 36,194

Everton: McDonagh 7, Gidman 6, ★BAILEY 8, Wright 6, Ratcliffe 6, O'Keefe 6, McMahon 7, Eastoe 7, Varadi 6, Hartford 6, McBride 6 (sub Lyons 6)
Man City: ★CORRIGAN 9, Ranson 7, McDonald 8, Reid 6, Power 7, Caton 7, Boyer 6, Gow 7, Mackenzie 7, Hutchinson 8, Reeves 7
Referee: G. E. Flint (Kirby)
Match Rating: ★★★

IPSWICH (1) 2 (Brazil 43, Wark 49)
NORWICH (0) 0
Att. 27,890

Ipswich: Cooper 7, Burley 7, McCall 6, Thijssen 6, Osman 7, Butcher 6, Wark 7, ★MUHREN 9, Mariner 5, Brazil 8, Gates 6 (sub O'Callaghan)
Norwich: Baker 6, Bond 6, Powell 5, McGuire 6 (sub Woods 6), Hoyley 6, ★WATSON 8, Mendham 5, Fashanu 7, Royle 6, Paddon 6, Goble 5
Referee: P. Reeves (Leicester)
Match Rating: ★★★

LEEDS (0) 0

BIRMINGHAM (0) 0

Att. 19,214

Leeds: Luke 7, Greenhoff 6, Gray 7, Flynn 6, Hart 7, ★CHERRY 8, Harris 6, Hird 6, Connor 6, Sabella 6, Graham 6 (sub Parlante)
Birmingham: Wealands 7, Langan 6, Lees 7, Curbishley 6, Gallagher 7, Todd 7, Ainscow 6, ★BERTSCHIN 8, Worthington 7, Gemmill 7, Dillon 6
Referee: G. Courtney (Spennymoor)
Match Rating: ★★★

LEICESTER (0) 0

BRIGHTON (0) 1 (Gregory 57)

Att. 19,570

Leicester: Wainright 7, Williams 7, Gibson 6, Peake 6, Scott, 7, O'Neill 7, Goodwin 6 (sub Welsh 6), Melrose 6, Young 5, ★WILSON 8, MacDonald 6, Brighton: Moseley 6, ★GREGORY 8, Stevens 6, Horton 6, Foster 7, Lawrenson 7, McNab 6, Ritchie 7, Robinson 7, Clark 7, O'Sullivan 6
Referee: D. T. Richardson (Lincoln)
Match Rating: ★★★

MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 0

LIVERPOOL (0) 0

Att. 57,073

Man Utd: Bailey 6, Nicholl 7, Alston 7, McIlroy 6, ★JOVANOVIC 8, Moran 7, Coppel 5, Duxbury 7, Jordan 7, Macari 7, Thomas 6, Liverpool: Clemence 6, ★NEAL 8, Kennedy, A 7, Irwin 7, Kennedy, R 7, Hansen 6 (sub Money), Dalglish 7, Lee 6, Johnson 5, McDermott 7, Case 6
Referee: P. N. Willis (Meadowfield)
Match Rating: ★★★

SUNDERLAND (0) 0

WBA (0) 0

Att. 28,296

Sunderland: Turner 7, Whitworth 7, Bolton 7, ★HINOMARCH 8, Elliott 7, Rowell 6, Arnett 5, Cooke 6, Hawley 6, Chisholm 6, Cummins 6 (sub Brown 6)

WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Cowdrill 7, Moses 7, ★WILE 9, Bennett 8, Robson 7, Brown, A 6, Regis 7, Owen 6 Barnes 7
Referee: R. A. Chadwick (Darwin)
Match Rating: ★★

TOTTENHAM (2) 4 (Brooke 23, 51, Archibald 13, Crooks 72)

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 4 (Moran 73, 88, Baker 25, George 37)

Att. 28,792

Spurs: Alekscic 5, Yorath 6, Hughton 6 (sub O'Reilly 7), Roberts 6, Lacy 6, Perryman 7, ★BROOKE 9, Archibald 7, Villa 7, Hoddle 6, Crooks 7, Southampton: Wells 5, Golac 5, Agboola 7, Williams 6, Watson 6, Nicholl 6, ★MORAN 9, Channon 7, George 7, Holmes 7, Baker 6
Referee: D. Civil (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

WOLVES (0) 1 (Richards, pen 70)

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 4

iBrazier, og 30, Gray, F, pen 63

Palmer, og 66, Ponte 73)

Att. 31,588

Wolves: Bradshaw 5, Palmer 6

★HOLLIFIELD 7, Daniel 6, Brazier 6, Hughes 5, Hibbitt 6, Atkinson 6 (sub Gray A 6), Bell 6, Richards 6, Eves 6, Nottm Forest: Shilton 7, Anderson 7, Gray, F, 7, McGovern 7, Lloyd 7, Gunn 7, O'Neill 7, ★PONTE 8, Francis 7, Wallace 7, Walsh 7
Referee: R. Read (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Two

BLACKBURN (0) 0

PRESTON (0) 0

Att. 17,726

Blackburn: Butcher 5,

★BRANAGAN 8, De Vries 5, Kendall 6, Keeley 7, Fazackerley 7, Brosteron 6, Crawford 5, Lowey 5 (sub Stonehouse 5), McKenzie 5, Parkes 5

Preston: ★TUNKS 8, Taylor 6, McAteer 6, Burns 5, Baxter 7,

O Riordan 6, Coleman 5, Doyle 5, Elliott 5, Bruce 6, Houston 6

Referee: T. Mills (Barnsley)
Match Rating: ★★

BRISTOL CITY (0) 0
CARDIFF (0) 0

Att 14,921
Bristol City: Moller 7, Sweeney 6, Hay 6, Aitken 7, Rodgers 6, Marshall 6, Tainton 6, **FITZPATRICK** 8, Mabbett 6, Ritchie 7, Garland 6
Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 6, Roberts 7, Hughes 6, Pontin 7, **DWYER** 8, Lewis 6, Kitchen 7, Stevens 6, Ronson 7, Buchanan 6
Referee: R. S. Lewis (Surrey)
Match Rating: ★★
Sendings Off: Mabbett (Bristol City), Jones (Cardiff)

DERBY (2) 4 (Biley 26, 43, Swindlehurst 58, 82)
OLDHAM (1) 1 (Wyld 25)
Att 16,958
Derby: Jones 6, Emery 6, Richards 7, Clark 6, McFarland 8, Ramage 6, Powell, S 7, **HECTOR** 9 (sub. Reid), Biley 7, Swindlehurst 8, Emson 8
Oldham: Platt 5, Sinclair 5, Blair 6, Keegan 6, **CLEMENTS** 8, Hurst 6, Wyld 6, Fletcher 5, Steel 6, Gardner 6, McDonough 6
Referee: M. Lowe (Sheffield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

GRIMSBY (0) 0
NEWCASTLE (0) 0
Att 17,623
Grimbsy: Batch 7, Stone 6, Crombie 7, Waters 6, Czuczmar 6, **MOORE** 8, K 8, Brophy 6, Whymark 6, Drinkall 6, Mitchell 6, Ford 6 (sub. Cumming 6)
Newcastle: Carr 7, Carney 6, Johnson 7, **MARTIN** 8, Boam 7, Mitchell 6, Shinton 7, Trewick 6, Harford 7, Wharton 7, Waddie 7
Referee: M. Heath (Stoke)
Match Rating: ★★★★

LUTON (0) 2 (Stein 66, 73)
CHELSEA (0) 0
Att 16,006
Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 7, Donaghy 6, Price 8, Aizlewood 7, Grealish 7, Hill 8, West 6, **STEIN** 9, Ingram 8, Moss 8
Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 6, Roje 7, Pates 6, Nutton 4 (sub. Elmes 4), **BUMSTEAD** 8, Filtery 6, Hutchings 5, Driver 7, Lee 6, Mayes 6
Referee: A. Grey (Gorleston)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTS COUNTY v CAMBRIDGE —
Match Postponed

ORIENT (1) 1 (Taylor, P 12)
WATFORD (1) 1 (Blissett 8)
Att 10,041
Orient: Day 7, Fisher 7, Roffey 6, Taylor, T 6, Gray 7, Parsons 7, Chiedozie 6, Moores 7, Mayo 7, Bowles 8, **TAYLOR**, P 9
Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Harrison 6, **TAYLOR**, L 8, Sims 6, Jeckett 6, Callaghan 6, Blissett 7, Armstrong 7, Rostron 7, Poskett 7
Referee: T. Bune (Surrey)
Match Rating: ★★★★

QPR (1) 3 (Sikman 29, Currie 52, Stainrod 84)
WEST HAM (0) 0
Att 23,811
QPR: Burridge 7, Shanks 8, Gillard 7, Fenwick 6, Wicks 6, Roeder 7, Flanagan 8, King 7, Stainrod 7, **CURRIE** 9 (sub. Waddock), Sikman 8
West Ham: Parkes 6, Stewart 6, Lampard 6, **BONDS** 8, Martin 6, Devonshire 7, Holland 6, Goddard 5, Cross (sub. Neighbour 5), Brooking 6, Pike 5
Referee: H. Hill (Kettering)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (0) 1 (Pearson 75)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Atkins 47)
Att 22,863
Sheff Wed: Bolder 7, Blackhall 7, Grant 6, Smith 7, Shurhoff 7, Sterland 7, Mirocevic 7 (sub. Pearson 7), **JOHNSON** 8, Leman 6, McCulloch 6, Curran 7
Shrewsbury: Wardle 7, King 7, Leonard 6, Turner 6, Griffin 7, Keay 7, Tong 7, Atkins 7, Bates 7, Petts 7, **CROSS** 8
Referee: P. Tyldesley (Stockport)
Match Rating: ★★★★

SWANSEA (2) 2 (Stevenson 4, James, R 26)
BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Emmanuel 88)
Att 15,135
Swansea: Stewart 6, Attkey 6, Hadzibabic 7, Rushbury 7, Stevenson 6, Phillips 6, Mahoney 7, **JAMES**, R 8, James, L 7, Charles 6, Robinson 7
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Jones 5, Bater 6, McCaffery 6, Mabbett 6, Emmanuel 6, Williams 5 (sub. Barrowclough 6), Pulis 6, Lee 5, **WILLIAMS**, D 7, Barrett 6
Referee: A. Seville (Birmingham)
Match Rating: ★★★★

WREXHAM (0) 0
BOLTON (1) 1 (Whatmore 44)
Att 7,635
Wrexham: Davies 6, Jones 6, Kenworthy 6 (sub Hill 5), Davis 6, Cegelski 6, Vinter 5, Fox 5, Sutton 5, Edwards 5, McNeil 5, **CARTWRIGHT** 7
Bolton: Poole 7, Graham 7, McElhinney 6, Wilson 7, Nikolic 7, Bennett 6, Nicholson 6, Whatmore 7, Hogan 6, Kidd 7, **GOWLING** 8, Referee: B. L. Newsome (Boseley)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Three

BLACKPOOL (2) 2 (Morgan 8, Bamber 23)
CHESTER (0) 3 (Fear 63, Ludlam 68, Cooke 84)
Att 4,878
Blackpool: Hesford 6, Gardner 6, **WILLIAMS** 8, Ball 6, Thompson 6, McEwan 6, Morgan 7, Bamber 7, Entwistle 8, Morris 7, Pashley 6
Chester: Millington 7, Jeffries 6, Walker 6, Stortor 7, Cottam 6, Oakes 7, Sutcliffe 7, Phillips 7 (sub Cooke 7), **FEAR** 8, Jones 7, Ludlam 7
Referee: L. Robinson (Sutton Coldfield)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BRENTFORD (1) 2 (Kruse 19, Hurlock 69)
COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Bremner 43)
Att 6,240
Brentford: McKellar 7, Hill 7, Tucker 7, **SALMAN** 8, Kruse 7, Hurlock 7, Roberts 6, Frost 7, Johnson 7, Walker 6, Crown 7
Colchester: **WALKER** 8, Cook 5, Rowles 6, Leslie 7, Wignall 7, Packer 6, Hodge 6 (sub. Cotton 6), Longhorn 6, Bremner 7, Lee 6, Allison 6
Referee: G. J. Napthine (Loughborough)
Match Rating: ★★★

CARLISLE (3) 3 (Campbell 12, Beardsley 18, Coughlin 25)
BURNLEY (0) 2 (Scott 65, Taylor 78)
Att 7,137
Carlisle: Harrison 7, Haigh 7, Coady 7, MacDonald 6 (sub. Hamilton, J 7), Campbell 7, Parker 6, **COUGHLIN** 8, Metcalfe 6, Bannon 5
Beardsley 7, Staniforth 7
Burnley: Stevenson 6, Laws 8, Holt 6, Scott 7, Overton 6, Dobson 6, Cassidy

6, **POTTS** 8, Hamilton, B 7, Taylor 6, Cavener 7
Referee: R. Bridge (Desides)
Match Rating: ★★★★

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
BARNESLEY (0) 0
Att 17,146
Chesterfield: Turner 7, Tatt 6, Poldit 6, Kowalski 6, Green 7, **HUNTER** 8, Birch 7, Simpson 6, Bonnyman 6, Salmon 7, Crawford 6
Barnsley: Pierce 7, Joyce 7, Chambers 6, **GLAVIN** 8, Banks 7, McCarthy 7, Evans 7, Parker 6, Aylott 6, Cooper 7, Downes 8
Referee: M. R. Baker (Wolverhampton)
Match Rating: ★★★★

FULHAM (1) 2 (Lock, pen 37, Davies 61)
SHEFFIELD UNITED (0) 1 (Hatton 85)
Att 6,029
Fulham: Peyton 6, Strong 6, Lock 6, Gale 7, Brown 6, Hatter 6, Davies 7, O'Driscoll 6, Banton 7, Greenaway 6, **GOODLASS** 8 (sub. Peters)
Sheff Utd: Conroy 6, Ryan 7, Garner 6, Houston 6, McPhail 6, Trusson 7, Charles 6, Neville 6, **TIBBOTT** 8, Hatton 6, Butlin 7
Referee: J. M. Martin (Keyworth)
Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Trusson (Sheffield United)

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (Weatherley 55)
MILLWALL (1) 2 (Bartley 24, McKenna 83)
Att 4,603
Gillingham: Hillyard 7, Sharpe 7, Ford 6, Overton 8, **WEATHERLEY** 8, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 6, Bruce 7, Price 6, Bottiglieri 6 (sub. Richardson 7), Adams 6
Millwall: Jackson 7, Martin 7, Roberts 7, Massey 6, Kitchener 7, Blyth 7, Kinsella 7, Mehmet 7 (sub Coleman 7), McKenna 6, Bartley 6, **MITCHELL** 8
Referee: D. V. Reeves (Uxbridge)
Match Rating: ★★★

HULL (0) 1 (Edwards 67)
ROTHERHAM (1) 2 (Gooding 39, Henson 85)
Att 8,818
Hull: Norman 6, Hoolickin 6, Ferguson 6, Croft 7, Roberts, G 6, Roberts, J 5, Marwood 6, **MCCLAREN** 8, Edwards 6, Mutrie 6, Deacy 5
Rotherham: Mountford 8, Forrest 6, Breckin 6, Rhodes 7, Stancliffe 7, **MULLEN** 8, Towner 7, Gooding 6, Moore 6, Fern 7, Henson 6
Referee: T. Farley (Newton Aycliffe)
Match Rating: ★★★★

NEWPORT (0) 0
SWINDON (1) 2 (Kamara 18, Lewis 60)
Att 7,086
Newport: Plumley 8, Walden 6, Relish 7, Davies 7, Warriner 6, Tynan 6, Vaughan 6, Lowndes 6, Gwyther 6, Eisey 6, **MOORE** 8
Swindon: Allan 6 (sub Hughes 6), Henry 6, Peach 6, **KAMARA** 9, Lewis 7, Stroud 6, Miller 7, Carter 6, Rowland 6, Greenwood 7, Williams 7
Referee: S. Bates (Bristol)
Match Rating: ★★★

OXFORD (1) 1 (Berry 18)
CHARLTON (0) 0
Att 5,717
Oxford: Burton 6, McIntosh 6, Fogg 6, Jeffrey 7, Briggs 6, Shotton 6, **JONES** 8, Foley 7, Cooke 6, Berry 7, Smethers 6
Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 5, Maden 6, Shaw 6, Berry 6, Tydeman 7, Powell 6, **WALSH** 9, Hales 7, Smith 6

Walker 6 (sub. Naylor)
Referee: H. Taylor (Oadby)
Match Rating: ★★★★

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
EXETER (2) 2 (Kellow, pen 25, Pullar 31)
Att 14,792
Plymouth: Crudgington 6, McNeil 5 (sub Johnson 5), Harrison 5, Hodges 5, Foster 6, Phillipson-Masters 6, Cooper 5, **KEMP** 7, Sims 5, Beson 6, Murphy 5
Exeter: Bond 6, Rogers, M 6, Hatch 7, Forbes 6, Roberts, L 7, Roberts, P 6, Pearson 6, Rogers, P 7, **KELLOW** 8, Delve 6, Pullar 7
Referee: D. Letts (Basingstoke)
Match Rating: ★★★

PORTSMOUTH (0) 0
READING (0) 0

Att 17,412
Portsmouth: Mellor 6, McLaughlin 7, Viney 6, Doyle 7, Aizlewood 7, Davey 6, **GREGORY** 8, Tait 5, Rafferty 5, Bryant 5, Rogers 6
Reading: Death 7, Henderson 6, Lewis 6, Bowman 6, **HICKS** 8, Heitke 7, Earles 5, Kearny 5, Webb 7, Sanchez 6, Beavon 5
Referee: A. Glasson (Salisbury)
Match Rating: ★★★

WALSALL (1) 2 (Buckley 31, O'Kelly 89)
HUDDERSFIELD (0) 2 (Austin 65, 85)
Att 5,906
Walsall: Green 6, **MACKEN** 8, Mower 7, Serella 7, Baines 6, Hart 6, Penn 6 (sub Rees 5), Waddington 7, O'Kelly 6, Buckley 6, Caswell 7
Huddersfield: Rankin 7, Brown 7, Robinson 6, Stanton 7, Sutton 6, Hanvey 6 (sub Kindon 6), Lillis 7, Kennedy 7, **AUSTIN** 8, Robins 7, Cowling 7
Referee: D. A. Hedges (Oxford)
Match Rating: ★★★

Division Four

ALDERSHOT (1) 4 (Sanford 12, 85, 86, 89)
HEREFORD (0) 0
Att 3,094

Aldershot: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Jopling 6, Bennett 7, Wooller 6, Briley 7 (sub Lucas 7), Crosby 8, Tomlin 7, Garwood 8, **SANFORD** 9, Robinson 8
Hereford: Brand 5, Price 6, Musial 5, Hicks 6, Cornes 6, Spirin 5, Bartley 5, **LAIDLAW** 7, Showers 6, McGrailis 5, White 5 (sub. Jones, G 5)
Referee: M. J. Taylor (Deal)
Match Rating: ★★★★

BOURNEMOUTH (0) 2 (Cusack, og 70, Spackman 73)
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Polycarpou 85)
Att 4,381
Bournemouth: Allen 7, Cunningham 7, **BUTLER** 8, Impey 7, Compton 7, Heffernan 6, Spackman 7, Mooney 6, Morgan 7, Massey 6, Evanson 6 (sub Elliott 6)
Southend: Cawston 7, Stead 7, Yates 6, Hadley 6 (sub Polycarpou), Walker 7, Cusack 8, Gray 6, Pountney 6, Spence 6, Nelson 7, **OTULAKOWSKI** 8
Referee: A. Robinson (Waterloo) Match Rating: ★★★★

BRADFORD (1) 1 (Dolan, pen 44)
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Mell 80)
Att 4,356
Bradford: Ramsbottom 7, Thompson 7, Watson 6, **INGHAM** 8, Jackson 6 (sub Dolan 7), Wood 7, Chapman 7, Staniforth 6, Campbell 6, McNiven 7, Hutchins 6

Match Facts later in this issue

A broken leg —but ref thought I was kidding

DATELINE: January 6, 1975 . . .
Bobby Gould heads what proves to be the West Ham winner at Southampton in the third round of the FA Cup despite playing with a broken leg for thirty minutes.

Bobby, now Chelsea's assistant manager, recalls the incident which possibly cost him his place in West Ham's Wembley winning side against Fulham later that season.

"I was injured very early on in a challenge with Southampton's Peter Osgood that could only be described as very naughty.

"I received treatment at the time and the West Ham physio thought the injury was only bruising.

"Frank Lampard put us in front,

and, despite the pain from my injury, I headed the second from a corner just before half-time. It proved to be the decisive goal.

"As I left the field at half-time I complained to referee Gordon Hill about Osgood's tackle, and when I rolled down my sock to show him the injury, I saw for the first time how bad it was.

"Obviously, there was no chance of me continuing and Pat Holland replaced me in the second half. An X-ray after the match revealed a break and I was out for about three months.

"With West Ham doing so well at the time I didn't get back into the side until the semi-final, but Pat Holland was preferred to me in the final."

The aggressive look so reminiscent of his playing days still shows on the face of Chelsea's assistant manager Bobby Gould (second right) on the trainer's bench.



Blissett's one-man show

DATELINE: January 9, 1979 . . .
Luther Blissett grabs two goals in extra time against Stoke City to send Third Division Watford into the semi-finals of the League Cup for the first time.

After holding First Division Stoke to a goalless draw in the Potties, there was eager anticipation in North London about the outcome of the fifth round replay.

And when Ross Jenkins put the home side ahead, a semi-final clash with Nottingham Forest loomed even larger.

But with ten minutes remaining, Stoke's Paul Richardson snatched an equaliser to send the pulsating tie into extra time . . . and that was the cue for Luther Blissett's one-man show.

"We just kept battling away in extra time and were rewarded when Keith Cassells, who had replaced Alan Mayes, cut the ball back from the bye-line and I turned it home from about six yards," said Luther.

"My second goal came right near the end when Ross Jenkins crossed from the right, but by then Stoke were virtually finished."

Watford's dreams of Wembley ended in the semi-finals when they lost 3-1 to eventual winners Nottingham Forest.



Watford's Luther Blissett in action during the League Cup fifth round replay defeat at Coventry this season.

Dateline: January 9, 1979 . . .
CHARLTON strikers Derek Hales and Mike Flanagan were sent off after a punch-up in an FA Cup tie against Maidstone.

Dateline: January 6, 1978 . . .
SCOTTISH international striker Joe Jordan joins Manchester United from Leeds for £350,000.

Dateline: January 6, 1975 . . .

BRIAN Clough takes over as manager of Nottingham Forest just three days after Allan Brown had been sacked on the eve of a cup match against Tottenham.

Dateline: January 6, 1974 . . .

AN historic day for British football with four FA Cup ties played on a Sunday and welcomed by large attendances. The Bolton v Stoke tie attracted 40,000, twice the Lancashire club's average gate.

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I AM sick and tired of hearing Norwich City's Justin Fashanu being hailed as a great player just because he scored the BBC's 'Goal of the Season'.

Just because he scored a good goal when the television cameras were there doesn't mean he's made it.

Yours angrily,
Ian Greener, Canon Pye, Hereford.

• **TAKE** an early bath. You're sent off for talking such twaddle. Don't forget Justin's led the First Division goal charts since the start of the season.

OUTRAGED!

I'M Anthony Hawkswell and I'm in charge of the Outraged column.

I'll stand no nonsense... any back chat and you could get sent off!

I'll be giving the red card to what I judge to be the letter of the week. And yellow cards to any others published.

And to make it more interesting I'll pay £5 for the red card and £2 for each yellow card.

But be warned. I'm the ref and my decisions stand!

Send your letters to Outraged, Match Weekly, Midgate House, Midgate, Peterborough.

Play on, referee

I THINK refs should play the advantage rule more often

They often stop the flow of play by blowing the whistle too soon

There have been many occasions when teams would have been able to score if the referee had not blown the whistle as soon as the foul was committed

If they played the advantage more often the game would be much more attractive. George Mixides (13), Barnet, Herts.

• **YOU'LL** get no leeway from me — you're booked! The referee has a difficult job to do and most of them do it very well! I'll stand no criticism of the ref.

You're in the book! £2

Anglo Scottish Super Cup

I THINK that the FA Cup and the Scottish Cup should be amalgamated to make one super competition.

With all the money floating around English clubs it would be a great benefit to Scottish teams and I think it would be more interesting.

Stuart Wood, Driffield, Yorks.

• **ANOTHER** boring Anglo-Scottish Cup instead of the glamour of the FA Cup? NEVER! You're booked...

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WHAT YOU SAY ABOUT KEEGAN

They're out to get you, Kev

IT WOULD have been easier for Kevin Keegan to have pitched his tent in Italy or Spain — because so many people in England are just waiting for him to fail.

But I don't think Kev has failed. Sure he has had a lot of trouble with injuries — but he has proved his class in the few games he has played for Southampton.

Many people are jealous of him because of the money he earns but I reckon he is worth every penny he gets.

It seems to me that when Kev does play many players are out to get him and make sure he gets injured, and I think that's terrible.

Sallie Freemantle (14), Bitterne, Southampton

Give Keegan a chance

I WAS disgusted to read a letter in 'Match' recently describing Kevin Keegan's return to English football as a 'failure'.

In my opinion he has received some terrible treatment from his so called 'fellow' professionals.

Kevin is one of the very few world class English players and his contribution to the Southampton side can't be accurately gauged until he has enjoyed an extended run in the team.

Give Kevin a chance to prove his ability now he is back from injury before knocking him.

David Moseby,
Houghton-le-Spring, Tyne and Wear

Canaries can't win

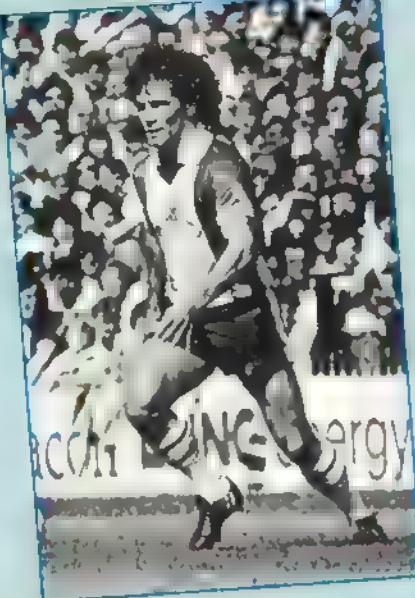
I CAN'T help feeling sorry for Norwich City — there's no way they can hope to get anywhere if all their best players want to leave.

Take Kevin Reeves as an example. He made his name with the Norfolk club and then moved on to a bigger and better club.

A few months ago manager John Bond left Carrow Road to join Kevin at Manchester City and it now looks as though Justin Fashanu and John's son, Kevin, are on their way as well.

No wonder The Canaries' aren't classed as a glamour club when all their best players leave.

Kevin Graham, Beccles, Suffolk



A marked man

I WAS pleased — and surprised — to hear that Kevin Keegan was coming back to England to join Southampton

But ever since the start of the season he has been plagued by injury, and in the games he has played he has been a marked man

Well done Kevin for coming back — I am sure you'll have a good future with Southampton now you have recovered from injury

Dawn Green (16), Nottingham

Left: Kevin Keegan — he's received terrible treatment from his fellow professionals, says David Moseby

TERRACE TALK

Show us the STARS



MUCH has been said recently about the poor attendances for England 'B' and under-21 games.

The idea of charging half-price admission fees has been put forward — but I think the solution is much easier

Why not play the matches on Third or Fourth Division grounds? The supporters of those teams don't get much chance to see the stars in action and this would allow them to do so.

The grounds may not be as good as those in the First Division but the atmosphere created by the bigger crowd would help compensate

On top of this it would also provide much needed revenue for the smaller clubs.

Caroline Sheldrick, Kings Heath, Northampton.

Past greats

LOOKING through my Match Facts I came across this team of former Derby County players who are still in League action today.

Here's my team: David McKellar (Brentford), David Langan (Birmingham), Aiden McCaffery (Bristol Rovers), Gerry Daly (Coventry), Steve Wicks (Queens Park Rangers), Colin Todd (Birmingham), Terry Curran (Sheffield Wednesday), Archie Gemmill (Birmingham), Charlie George (Southampton), Andy Crawford (Blackburn), Gordon Hill (Queens Park Rangers). Manager: Colin Addison.

Simon Nuttall (13), Uttoxeter, Staffs.

● CAN you beat that team? Write in with your selections for your favourite team's past greats — Editor.

TV take note

LOOKING through Match Facts in Match Weekly recently I noticed that many of the ratings for games in the Third and Fourth Division's were better than those in the higher leagues.

I wish the television companies would take note of this and show more games from the lower divisions.

Howard Larking, Bournemouth, Dorset.

Whatever happened to . . .

WHAT on earth has happened to West Bromwich Albion striker John Deehan?

The last time I saw him was last season, in action against his former club, Aston Villa.

I was very impressed by him and thought he had lots of skill and looked capable of scoring plenty of goals.

I think he would do a great job alongside big Cyrille Regis with winger Peter Barnes providing the crosses.

David Kirby (14), Scunthorpe, South Humberside

● John has made a couple of first team appearances this season but has spent most of his time in the reserves — Editor.



Right: West Brom striker John Deehan — reduced to the occasional appearance in the first team.

Match meets Wolves'

MEL EVES

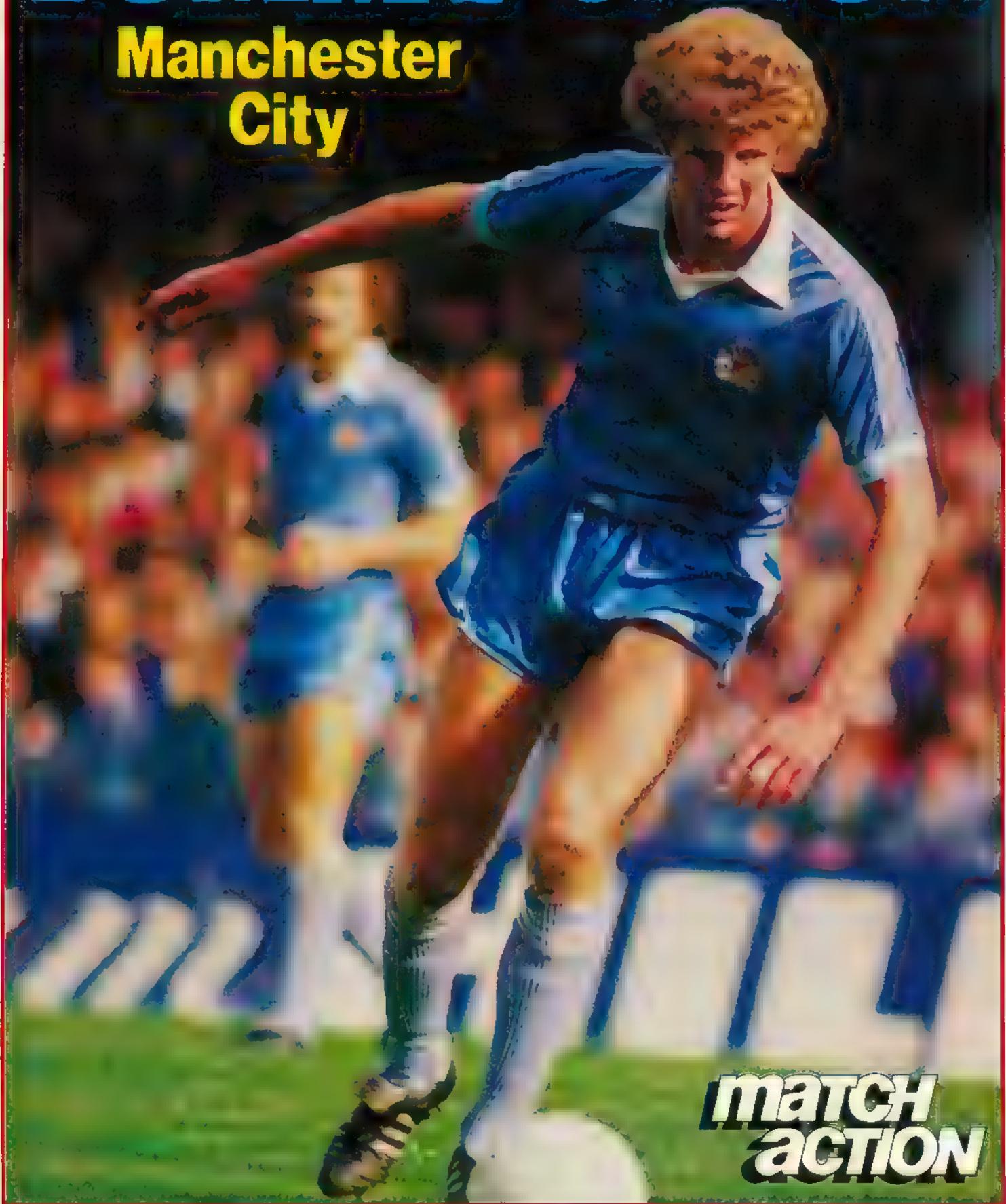


FULL NAME: Melvyn James Eves.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Darlaston, West Midlands, September 10, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 10 1/2 ins/11st 4 lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Sharron.
CAR: MGB Roadster.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
WORST EVER INJURY: Damaged ankle ligaments.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Kenny Dalglish — he always seems to have so much time.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Holland's team in the 1974 World Cup.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Johan Cruyff — for his great skill and ability to beat opponents.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Reaney, Cooper, Giles, O'Leary, Moore, Charlton, Greaves, Dougan, Law, Best.
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Yashin, Alberto Breitner, Beckenbauer, Masny, Krol, Rivellino, Eusebio, Cruyff, Pele, Riva.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Highbury.
FAVOURITE STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Eindhoven (Holland).
BEST GOAL SCORED: One from an overhead kick against Swindon in the semi-finals of the League Cup last season.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Alan Devonshire's solo effort for West Ham versus Wrexham this season.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Kevin Keattie (Ipswich).
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Our victory over Nottingham Forest in the League Cup Final last year.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Winning the League Cup.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to PSV Eindhoven in the UEFA Cup this season.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Cricket, basketball, badminton, tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Interesting people, good food and good films.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Smoking, boring and inconsiderate people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: *Fawlty Towers*.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: *In Loving Memory*.
FAVOURITE READING: John Steinbeck.
FAVOURITE MUSICIANS/SINGER: Pink Floyd, Peter Gabriel.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fillet steak.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Brandy.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Singapore.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood, Shirley MacLaine.
BEST FILM SEEN IN THE PAST YEAR: *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*.
BEST FRIEND: My niece Michelle.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: No one in particular.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL? Injuries.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Fish.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England Senior Schoolboys and England 'B'.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To achieve all that I aim for.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win further international and club honours.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Anthon Kernan and Frank Hayes.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jim Slater.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Always listen to good advice.

Mel Eves

TOMMY CATON

Manchester City



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Glen HODDLE

Building a place for Europe

WITH all the building work that's going on down at White Hart Lane it's a bit chaotic on match days.

The old West Stand is being demolished to make way for a new building.

And while it will be fantastic when the work's finished it's a bit inconvenient at present.

We're having to get changed in temporary cabins and I'm sure the upheaval affected our concentration the first time we experienced the new arrangements.

We were playing West Brom and gave away three early goals. We managed to pull a couple back, but it wasn't enough and we lost our unbeaten home record.

It's strange because there's no fans down one side of the pitch and you can see right into the street in between the bulldozers and cranes!

However we came back from that defeat to win our next two home matches against Manchester City and Ipswich.

The 5-3 victory over Ipswich was a great result for us but then we followed up with a 4-1 defeat at Middlesbrough the following Saturday.

We played well going forward at Ayresome Park and we could just as easily have won the game 3-2 but that's the way things have been going for us this season.

We need to be more consistent and if we can just put together a good unbeaten run we'll be on course for a place in Europe next season.

I'm sure we are good enough and I think our style of football would be good in European competition, but of course, we have to get there first!

The Spurs and England midfield ace writes exclusively for you in Match Weekly

Liverpool for me

THE LEAGUE Cup semi-final first leg ties are played next week and I'm sure I don't need to tell you how much we'd like to be involved!

Our defeat at West Ham in the quarter finals was a terrible blow but you just have to pick yourselves up.

A footballer must live from week to week. I fancy Liverpool and West Ham to make the final now . . . with the Reds going on to win the cup.

Personally, can't see West Ham beating Coventry at Highfield Road, but their goal power should take them through in the second leg at Upton Park.

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Doncaster, Boyd 7, Russell 6, Lister 6, Snodin, 1 6, Swan 7, Dowd 6 (sub Harle 6), Pugh 7, Nimmo 6, Warboys 7, Mell 7, **LITTLE 8**, Referee: G. Tyson (Sunderland) Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Staniforth (Bradford)

BURY (2) 2 (H. Iton 19, Butler 24)
YORK (0) 0
Att 3,224
Bury: Southall 7, Howard 7, Hilton 7, Whitehead 6, Kennedy 7, Mullen 7, Gore 6, **JAKUB 8**, Butler 7, Johnson 6 (sub Cruckshank), Farley 6, York **BLACKBURN 8**, Hood 6, Clements 7, Craig 6, Kay 6, Ford 6 (sub Byrne 6), McGhie 7, McDonald 6, Walsh 6, Smith 6, Eccles 6, Referee: A. J. Hamil (Wolverhampton) Match Rating: ★★★

DARLINGTON (2) 3 (Stalker 19, Walsh 45, Hamilton 74)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Att 7,152
Darlington: Cuff 7, Kamara 7, Wilson 7, Smith 6, **SKIPPER 8**, Speedie 7, Hawker 6, McLean 7, Stalker 7, Hamilton 7, Walsh 7, Hartlepool: Burley 5, Ayre 6, Brown 6, Hogan 6, Bird 5, **LINACRE 8**, Kerr 6, Lawrence 7, Harding 6, Houche 7, Hampton 7, Referee: N. Midgley (Salford) Match Rating: ★★★★

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Allen 55)
SCUNTHORPE (0) 0
Att 4,261
Mansfield: Arnold 6, McJannet 6, Johnson 5, Hamilton 6, McClelland 5, Bird 7, Allen 6, Mann 6, Caldwell 7, Parkinson 6, **THOMSON 8**, Scunthorpe: Neenan 6, Davey 5, Jarvis 6, Grimes 6, Boxall 6, **ATOLES 8**, Lambert 6 (sub Ashworth), Cammack 7, Partridge 6, Pugh 5, Stewart 5, Referee: N. Ashley (Nantwich) Match Rating: ★★

PETERBOROUGH (2) 3 (Kellock 25, Cooke 44, Robson 49)
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
Att 6,265
Peterborough: Waugh 6, McVay 6, Phillips 5, Gynn 5, Slack 7, Slough 6, Quow 6 (sub. Clegg 6), **KELLOCK 8**, Cooke 6, Hodgson 6, Robson 7, Northampton: Poole 6, Saxby 8, Sandcock 6, Waldock 5, Byatt 6, Sandy 7, Bowen 6, Carlton 5, **PHILLIPS 8**, Denyer 8, Williams 5, Referee: R. Challis (Tonbridge) Match Rating: ★★

PORT VALE (0) 0
LINCOLN (0) 1 (Turner 78)
Att 4,239
Port Vale: Cherry 7, **BRISSETT 8**, Jenkins 6, Beech 6, Bowles 7, Sproson 7, Farrell 6, Bennett 6, Chamberlain 6, Woolsall 6, Bromage 6, Lincoln: Felgate 7, Thompson 6, Keeley 6, Hughes 6, Peake 7, Carr 6, Neale 6, Turner 7, **HOBSON 8**, Shipley 6, Cunningham 6, Referee: H. W. King (Merthyr Tydfil) Match Rating: ★★

ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Wellings, pen 15)
HALIFAX (0) 1 (Hendrie 60)
Att 2,653
Rochdale: Crawford 7, Weir 7, Snokes 6, Eßer 6 (sub Jones 6), Taylor 6, Burke 6, Wann 6, **OLoughlin 8**, H. H. Ditch 6, Wellings 7, Martinez 7, Halifax: **KILNER 9**, O'Neill 6, Burton 6, Evans 6, Goodman 7, Hendrie 7, Firth 7, Natrass 6 (sub Graham 7), McIlwraith 6, Allatt 6.

Bullock 6
Referee: D. Shaw (Sandbach) Match Rating: ★★★★

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Lawrence 19, Fell, pen 47)
WIMBLEDON (2) 3 (Leslie 16, Hubbick 20, Cork 72)
Att 3,191
Torquay: O'Keefe 5, Jones 5, Pethard 6, **COFFILL 7**, Bourne 5 (sub Sermann 5), Riach 6, Fell 6, Lawrence 6, Cooper 6, Twitchin 6, Weston 6, Wimbledon: Beasant 6, Jones 6, Armstrong 6, **GALLIERS 8**, Smith 8, Cunningham 6, Kettleridge 6, Denny 6, Leslie 6, Cork 6, Hubbick 7, Referee: C. Thomas (Porthcawl) Match Rating: ★★★★
Sending Off: Cooper (Torquay), Leslie (Wimbledon),

TRANMERE (1) 1 (Kerr 10)
STOCKPORT (0) 0
Att 2,531
Transmere: Johnson 6, Edwards 6, Flood 6, Williams 6, Parry 7, Hamilton 5, Kelly 5, Evans 5, Beamish 5, Kerr 6, **GRIFFITHS 8** (sub LeCornu), Stockport: Lawson 6, Rutter 5, Sherlock 6, Fowler 6, Sword 6, Bradd 6, Booth 6, Sunley 5, Mountford 6, **THORPE 7**, Coyle 5, Referee: M. G. Peck (Kendall) Match Rating: ★★★

WIGAN (0) 0
CREWE (0) 0
Att 5,026
Wigan: Ward 7, Fretwell 6, McAdam 6, **URQUHART 8**, G. B. Methven 7, Cribble 7, McMullan 6, Quinn 8, Houghton 6, Hutchinson 7, Corrigan 6 (sub Urquhart, B), Crowe: **MULHEARN 8**, McMahon 6, Lewis 6, Hunter 8, Scott 6, Prophett 7, Davies 6, Coyne 6, Conroy 8, Greenhoff 6, Bowers 7, Referee: C. N. Seal (Carlisle) Match Rating: ★★★

Saturday, Dec. 27
Division One
ARSENAL (1) 1 (Sunderland 35)
IPSWICH (0) 1 (Wark, pen 77)
Att 42,818
Arsenal: Jennings 7, Devine 7, Sansom 7, Talbot 6, **WALFORD 9**, Young 7, Hollins 6, Sunderland 8, Stapleton 7, Gatting 6, Rix 7, Ipswich: Cooper 7, Mills 6, McCall 7 (sub O'Callaghan), Thijssen 6, Osman 7, Butcher 6, **WARK 8**, Muhren 6, Mariner 7, Brazil 7, Gates 8, Referee: K. W. Baker (Rugby) Match Rating: ★★★★

BIRMINGHAM (2) 3 (Gemmill 39, Bertschin 45, Worthington 89)
SUNDERLAND (1) 2 (Hawley 31, Elliott 57)
Att 19,005
Birmingham: Coton 7, **LANGAN 8**, Lees 6, Curbishley 7, Galagher 6, Todd 6, Arnscow 7, Bertschin 7, Worthington 7, Gemmill 7, Dillon 6, Sunderland: Turner 7, Whitworth 6, Bolton 7, Hindmarch 6, Elliott 6, **ROWELL 8**, Arnott 7, Cooke 6, Hawley 7, Chisholm 6, Cummins 7, Referee: N. H. Glover (Chorley) Match Rating: ★★★★

BRIGHTON (1) 3 (O'Sullivan 34, Robinson 59, 69)
CRYSTAL PALACE (1) 2 (Murphy 35, Gregory, og 89)
Att 27,367
Brighton: Phillips 6, Gregory 6, Stevens 6, Horton 6, Foster 7, Lawrence 7, McNab 7, Ritchie 6, Referee: P. Partridge (Co. Durham) Match Rating: ★★★★

ROBINSON 9, Clark 6, O'Sullivan 7, Crystal Palace: Fry 5, Hinshelwood 6, Boyle 6, Nicholas 5, Cannon 6, Lovell 5 (sub. Brooks), Murphy 7, **FRANCIS 8**, Allen 6, Sealy 7, Smillie 6, Referee: D. Hutchinson (Harrogate) Match Rating: ★★★★

LIVERPOOL (0) 0
LEEDS (0) 0
Att 44,086
Liverpool: Clemence 7, **NEAL 8**, Kennedy, A. 6, Irwin 7, Kennedy, R. 6, Money 7, Daighlin 6 (sub Heywood 7), Lee 7, Johnson 6, McDermott 6, Case 7, Leeds: Lukic 7, Hird 7, Gray 6, Flynn 7, **HART 8**, Cherry 7, Harris 7, Parlane 6, Connor 6 (sub Hamson), Sabella 6, Graham 6, Referee: D. W. Lloyd (Worcester) Match Rating: ★★★★

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 4 (McDonald 63, Hutchinson 80, 80, Reeves 85)
WOLVES (0) 0
Att 37,817
Man City: Corrigan 6, Ranson 6, McDonald 7, Reid 6, Power 6, Caton 7, Boyer 7, Gow 7, Mackenzie 8, **HUTCHISON 9**, Reeves 7, Wolves: Bradshaw 7, Palmer 7, Hollifield 6, Berry 6, **BRAZIER 8**, Hughes 6, Hibbit 5, Carr 6 (sub Atkinson), Bell 6, Richards 6, Gray 5, Referee: T. Morris (Leeds) Match Rating: ★★★★

MIDDLESBROUGH (1) 1 (Ashcroft 30)
EVERTON (0) 0
Att 20,210
Middlesbrough: Platt 7, Cragg 7, Bailey 7, McAndrew 6, Ashcroft 7, **NATTRASS 8**, Cochrane 6, Proctor 6, Hodgson 7, Shearer 6, Armstrong 7, Everton: McDonagh 6, Gidman 6, Bailey 6, Wright 7, Ratcliffe 6, Ross 6, McMahon 5, Easton 6, Varadi 6 (sub Lyons), Hartford 7, **McBRIDE 8**, Referee: A. Challinor (Mallby) Match Rating: ★★

NORWICH (1) 2 (Fashanu 33, Bond, pen 83)
TOTTENHAM (1) 2 (Archibald 17, Hoddle 49)
Att 23,898
Norwich: Baker 7, Bond 8, Down 6 (sub Woods), **McGUIRE 9**, Headlam 6, McDowell 6, Mendham 7, Fashanu 7, Royle 7, Paddon 6, Goble 7, Spurs: Aleksić 7, Roberts 7, O'Reilly 8, Yorath 8, Lacy 8, Perryman 7, Brooke 8, **ARCHIBALD 9**, Villa 7 (sub Miller 6), Hoddle 7, Crooke 7, Referee: B. Martin (Keyworth) Match Rating: ★★★★

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Francis 41, O'Neill 88)
ASTON VILLA (1) 2 (Lloyd, og 17, Shaw 68)
Att 37,930
Nottingham Forest: Shilton 6, Anderson 7, Gray 6, McGovern 6, Lloyd 7, Gunn 7, Ponte 6, **ONEILL 8**, Francis 7, Wallace 6, Robertson 7, Aston Villa: Rimmer 7, Swain 7, Williams 7, Evans 7, McNaught 7, Mortimer 7, Bremner 7, **SHAW 8**, Geddis 6, Cowans 7, Morley 7, Referee: P. Partridge (Co. Durham) Match Rating: ★★★★

SOUTHAMPTON (4) 4 (Keegan 7, Baker, pen 24, George 28, Moran 29)
LEICESTER (0) 0
Att 21,886
Southampton: Wells 6, Golac 6, Holmes 5, W. Thomas, S. 6, Agboola 7, Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley) Match Rating: ★★★★★

Nicholl 6, **KEEGAN 8**, Channon 6, George 7, Moran 7, Baker 7, Leicester: Wallington 7, Williams, T. 5, Welsh 5, **PEAKE 8**, Scott 6, O'Neill 5, Henderson 6, Melrose 5, Young 5, Wilson 5, MacDonald 6, Referee: A. Gunn (Burgess Hill) Match Rating: ★★★★

STOKE (0) 2 (Doyle 52, Griffiths 68)
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hateley 40, Thompson 81)
Att 17,675
Stoke: Fox 6, Evans 7, Munro 6, **DODD 8**, O'Callaghan 7, Doyle 7, Ursen 6 (sub Thorley), Heath 5, Griffiths 7, Bracewell 7, Richardson 6, Coventry: **SEALEY 8**, Thomas 8, Roberts 7, Blair 7, Dyson 7, Gillespie 6, Bannister 7, Daly 6, Thompson 7, Hatley 7, Hunt 8, Referee: J. B. Worrall (Cheshire) Match Rating: ★★★★

WBA (2) 3 (Owen, pen 34, Barnes 43, Regis 61)
MANCHESTER UNITED (0) 1 (Jovanovic 54)
Att 30,033
WBA: Godden 7, Batson 7, Cowdrill 7, Moses 6, Wile 6, Bennett 6, Robson 6, Brown, A. 6, Regis 7, Owen 7, **BARNES 8**, Man Utd: Bailey 8, Nicholl 6, Alibiston 6, McIlroy 6, Jovanovic 7, Moran 6, Coppell 6, Duxbury 7, **JORDAN 8**, Macari 6, Thomas 7, Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow) Match Rating: ★★★★

Division Two

BOLTON (0) 1 (Hoggan 56)
BLACKBURN (0) 2 (Stonehouse 70, Burke 73)
Att 18,184
Bolton: Peacock 7, Graham 7, **McELHINNEY 9**, Wilson 6, Brennan 7, Bennett 6 (sub Carter), Nikolaić 7, Thomas 6, Hoggan 6, Kidd 6, Gowling 6, Blackburn: Butcher 7, Branagan 7, De Vries 8, **KENDALL 9**, Keeley 8, Fazackerley 8, Brotherton 7, Stonehouse 7, Crawford 7, Burke 7, Parkes 7, Referee: K. S. Hackett (Sheffield) Match Rating: ★★★★

BRISTOL ROVERS (2) 2 (Barrowclough 10, Mabbott 18)
LUTON (3) 4 (Stein 13, 35, 81, Hill 37)
Att 7,010
Bristol Rovers: Thomas 6, Jones 8, Bater 7, Emmanuel 6, Hughes 6 (sub Gillies 6), Cooper 7, Williams, S. 6, Barrowclough 7, Mabbott 7, Williams, D. 6, **BARRETT 8**, Luton: Findlay 7, Stephens 6 (sub Antic 6), Donaghy 7, Greasham 6, West 7, Price 6, Hill 7, **STEIN 8**, Ingram 7, Aizlewood 6, Moss 7, Referee: A. R. Glasson (Salisbury) Match Rating: ★★★★

CAMBRIDGE v SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY — Match Postponed

CARDIFF (1) 3 (Stevens 12, Kitchen 84, Buchanan 85)
SWANSEA (2) 3 (Robinson 39, Curtis 41, James, L. 72)
Att 21,239
Cardiff: Healey 7, Jones 7, Lewis 7, Hughes 7, Pontin 8, Dwyer 6 (sub Giles 7), Bishop 6, Kitchen 7, Stevens 7, Ronson 8, **BUCHANAN 9**, Swansea: Stewart 7, Attley 7, Hadzibabic 6, Mahoney 7, Stevenson 7, Phillips 6, **CURTIS 8**, James, R. 6, James, L. 7, Charles 7, Robinson 7, Referee: J. E. Bray (Hinckley) Match Rating: ★★★★★

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CHELSEA (0) 0
BRISTOL CITY (0) 0

Att 18,514

Chelsea: Borota 7, Locke 6, Rose 6, ★BUMSTEAD 8, Pates 6, Chivers 6, Hutchings 6 (sub. Walker 6), Fillery 6, Lee 6, Mayes 6, Rhoades-Brown 6, Bristol City: Moller 6, Sweeney 6, Hay 6, Aitken 6, ★RODGERS 7.

Marshall 6, Tainton 6, Fitzpatrick 6, Garland 6 (sub. Smith 6), Ritchie 6, Pritchard 6.
Referee: J. M. Warner (Wednesbury)
Match Rating: ★★

NEWCASTLE (0) 0
DERBY (2) 2 (Boam, og 3, McFarland 29)

Att 20,848
Newcastle: Carr 7, Carney 5, Johnson 5, Martin 5, ★BOAM 8, Mitchell 6 (sub. Hibbitt 5), Shinton 5, Trewick 5, Harford 5, Wharton 6, Waddle 5.
Derby: Jones 7, Emery 7, Richards 7, Clark 7, ★McFARLAND 10, Ramage 7, Powell 7, Hector 6, Biley 9, Swindlehurst 7, Henson 7
Referee: A. R. Banks (Manchester)
Match Rating: ★★

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PRESTON (2) 2 (Baxter 19, Elliott, pen 31)

NOTTS COUNTY (1) 2 (Harkouk 5, Manns 61)

Att 6,547

Preston: Tunks 7, Taylor 7, McAteer 7, Bell 7, ★BAXTER 8, O'Riordan 7, Coleman 6, Doyle 7, Elliott 6, Bruce 6 (sub. McGhee), Houston 6.

Notts County: Leonard 7, Benjamin 7, Wood 6, Doherty 6 (sub. McFarland 7), Kilkline 7, Hunt 6, ★MANNS 8, Masson 7, Christie 7, Harkouk 7, Beavon 6

Referee: D. Owen (Cheshire)

Match Rating: ★★

SHREWSBURY (1) 1 (Keay, pen 25)

WREXHAM (2) 2 (McNeil 17, Jones 23)

Att 8,320

Shrewsbury: Wardle 8, King 6, Leonard 7, Turner 8, Griffin 7,

★KEAY 8, Tong 7, Atkins 7 (sub. Biggins 6), Bates 6, Petts 7, Cross 6

Wrexham: Davies 8, Hill 7, ★JONES 9, Davis 7, Cegelski 8, Arkwright 6, Buxton 6 (sub. Fox), Sutton 6,

Edwards 7, McNeil 6, Cartwright 6

Referee: D. Richardson (Great Harwood)

Match Rating: ★★

WATFORD (0) 1 (Ward 75)

QPR (1) 1 (King 37)

Att 22,911

Watford: Sherwood 7, Rice 6, Harrison 6, ★TAYLOR 8, Sims 7, Jackett 6, Rostron 7 (sub. Ward 7), Armstrong 6, Blissett 6, Train 7, Poskett 7

QPR: Burridge 7, Shanks 7, Gillard 7, Fenwick 6, Wicks 7, Roeder 7,

Flanagan 7, King 7, ★STAINROD 8, Waddock 6, Silkman 7

Referee: C. Maskell (Cambridge)

Match Rating: ★★

WEST HAM (0) 2 (Holland 64, Allen 82)

ORIENT (0) 1 (Chiedozie 70)

Att 34,408

West Ham: Parkes 7, Stewart 6, Lampard 6 (sub. Allen 7), Bonds 7,

Martin 7, ★DEVONSHIRE 8, Holland 6, Goddard 7, Morgan 6, Brooking 7, Pike 7

Orient: Day 7, Fisher 6, Roffey 6, ★TAYLOR, T. B. Gray 6, Parsons 7,

Chiedozie 7, Moores 6, Mayo 6, Bowles 7, Taylor, P. 7

Referee: E. A. Read (Bristol)

Match Rating: ★★

Division Three

BARNESLEY (2) 3 (Glavin 35, 39,

Aylott 75)

WALSALL (0) 0

Att 14,958

Barnsley: Pierce 7, Joyce 6,

Chambers 6, ★GLAVIN 8, Banks 6,

McCarthy 7, Evans 7, Parker 7, Aylott 7, Cooper 7, Downes 7

Walsall: Green 6, Macken 6,

★MOWER 8, Serella 7, Barnes 7,

Hart 6, Rees 6, Waddington, S. 6 (sub Waddington, P. 7), O'Kelly 7,

Buckley 7, Caswell 7

Referee: D. Webb (Manchester)

Match Rating: ★★★

BURNLEY (2) 4 (Taylor 12, Potts 44, Lewis 66, Holt 87)

BLACKPOOL (0) 1 (Bamber 89)

Att 10,667

Burnley: Stevenson 6, ★LAWS 9,

Holt 7, Scott 6 (sub. Young 6), Dobson 7, Doverson 7, Cassidy 8, Potts 6,

Cavener 6, Hamilton 7, Taylor 6

Blackpool: Hesford 6, Gardner 6,

Williams 6, Ball 6, Thompson 6,

McEwan 6, Morgan 5, Bamber 5,

Entwistle 5, Morris 6, ★PASHLEY 7

Referee: P. Richardson (Lincoln)

Match Rating: ★★★

Sending Off: Stevenson (Burnley)

CHARLTON (1) 1 (Walker 31)

FULHAM (0) 1 (Greenaway 84)

Att 11,070

Charlton: Johns 6, Gritt 6, Madden 6, Shaw 5, Berry 5, Naylor 6,

★POWELL 7, Walsh 6, Hales 6,

Ambrose 6 (sub. Smith 6), Walker 6

Fulham: Peyton 6, Strong 6, ★LOCK 7, Gale 6, Banton 6, Hatter 5, Davies 6, O'Driscoll 5, Mahoney 6,

Greenaway 6, Lewington 6

Referee: B. H. Daniels (Brentwood)

Match Rating: ★★★

CHESTER (1) 2 (Cooke 37, Fear 81)

CHESTERFIELD (0) 1 (Birch, pen 72)

Att 4,222

Chester: Millington 6, Jeffries 5,

Walker 6, Storton 6, Cottam 5, Oakes 6,

Sutcliffe 6, Jones 5, ★FEAR 8,

Cooke 7, Ludlam 6

Chesterfield: Turner 6, Tatt 5,

Pollard 6, Kowalski 7, Green 5,

Hunter 5, Birch 7, ★WALWYN 8,

Bonnyman 6, Salmons 6, Crawford 5

Referee: D. Scott (Burnley)

Match Rating: ★★★

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Packer, pen 27, Lee 90)

GILLINGHAM (1) 1 (Price 37)

Att 3,879

Colchester: Walker 7, Cook 6, Wright 5 (sub. Hodge 6), ★LESLIE 8, Wignall 6, Packer 6, Longhorn 7, Gough 6,

Bremner 6, Lee 7, Allison 6,

Gillingham: ★SUTTON 8, Sharpe 5,

Ford 6, Bruce 5, Weatherly 6, Crabbe 6, Nicholl 7, Duncan 6, Price 7,

Richardson 6, White 6

Referee: C. White (Harrow)

Match Rating: ★★★

EXETER (1) 2 (Pullar 34, Kellow, pen 54)

NEWPORT (2) 2 (Tynan, pen 1, Gwyther 44)

Att 6,295

Exeter: Bond 6, Rogers, M 6, Hatch 7,

Forbes 7, Roberts, L 6, Roberts, P 7,

Pearson 6, ★ROGERS, P 8, Kellow 7, Delves 6, Pullar 7

Newport: Plumley 7, Walden 6,

Relish 6 (sub. Ward 7), Davies 6,

Warriner 6, Tynan 7, ★VAUGHAN 8,

Lowndes 7, Gwyther 6, Elsey 7,

Moore 6

Referee: M. J. Bidmead (Chessington)

Match Rating: ★★★★



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West Ham skipper Billy Bonds
— determined.



Chris Hughton on the ball for
Spurs — he's great at attacking

Raymond Rose of Plymouth, Devon, came up with this line-up

1 — Gary Bailey (Man Utd) — a great keeper. 2 — George Burley (Ipswich) — a good attacking full-back. 3 — Chris Hughton (Spurs) — just as good at attacking. 4 — Bryan Robson (West Brom) — sound and very entertaining. 5 — Allan Evans (Aston Villa) — packs a good shot. 6 — Alan Hansen (Liverpool) — the best attacking defender in Britain. 7 — Steve Coppell (Man Utd) — best winger in the business. 8 — Eric Gates (Ipswich) — great shot. 9 — Gary Shaw (Aston Villa) — best finisher in football. 10 — Alan Devonshire (West Ham) — very talented. 11 — Graeme Souness (Liverpool) — best Scottish midfielder.

John Carson of Farringdon, Sunderland, Tyne-and-Wear, meanwhile went for his line-up...
John Burridge (Crystal Palace), Phil Neal (Liverpool), Frank Gray (Not'tn Forest), Dave Watson (Southampton), Ossie Ardiles (Spurs), Alan Devonshire (West Ham), John Chiedozie (Orient), Frans Thijssen, Paul Mariner (Ipswich), Terry McDermott (Liverpool), Peter Barnes (West Brom).

Fourteen-year-old David Kirkby of Scunthorpe, South Humberside, dreams about this team...

1 — Tony Godden (West Brom) — brilliant all-rounder. 2 — Phil Neal (Liverpool) — a hard tackler full of running. 3 — Derek Statham (West Brom) — loves to go forward and create chances. 4 — Frans Thijssen (Ipswich) — bags of skill and scores great goals. 5 — Gordon McQueen (Man Utd) — good in the air, strong, and can score. 6 — Billy Bonds (West Ham) — tries so hard and he's always determined. 7 — Trevor Francis (Not'tn Forest) — fast, skilful and spectacular finisher. 8 — Terry McDermott (Liverpool) — dangerous, great (Ipswich) — his heading power is 100 per cent. 10 — Brian Talbot (Arsenal) — good tackler, strong and very skilful. 11 — Micky Thomas (Man Utd) — fast with brilliant ball control.

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dream team

Peter Giorgiou of Enfield, Middlesex, picked the following...

1 — Pat Jennings (Arsenal) — he's strong and powerful with a great personality. 2 — Frank Gray (Nott'm Forest) — he's always ready to attack and set up goals. 3 — Kenny Sansom (Arsenal) — skilful, fast, strong in the tackle and my captain. 4 — Bryan Robson (West Brom) — always available, a hard worker with plenty of skill. 5 — David O'Leary — one of the world's finest central defenders. Good control and gets up well. 6 — Allan Evans (Aston Villa) — loves to join in the attack in set piece situations and scores vital goals. 7 — Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool) — the best striker in British football. Fast and deadly in the box. 8 — Steve Coppell (Man Utd) — a non-stop trier who runs at defences, he has great control and skill. 9 — Paul Mariner (Ipswich) — great header of the ball who gets up strongly and is consistently on target. 10 — Kevin Keegan (Southampton) — a non-stop runner who jumps like a mighty mouse. 11 — John Robertson (Nott'm Forest) — can go past defenders on either flank with his close control and sudden turn of pace.

Paul Whiddett of Grays, Essex, sent us the following team...

John Lukic (Leeds), Frank Gray (Nott'm Forest), Kenny Sansom (Arsenal), Gordon McQueen (Man Utd), Steve Williams, Kevin Keegan (Southampton), Brian Flynn (Leeds), Trevor Francis, John Robertson (Nott'm Forest), Justin Fashanu (Norwich), Paul Mariner (Ipswich).



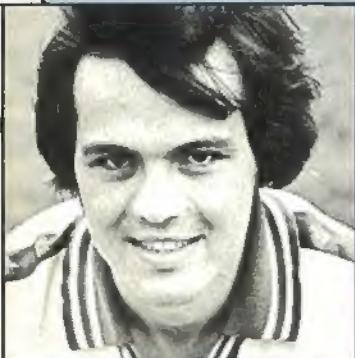
Ipswich Town's Eric Gates hurdles Man. Utd. skipper Martin Buchan — he packs a great shot.



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TELEPHONE: Sheffield 738955.
GROUND CAPACITY: 49,000.
RECORD ATTENDANCE: 68,287 v Leeds Utd, FA Cup fifth round, February 15, 1936.



SHEFFIELD UNITED'S record buy and sale, Alex Sabella.

RECORD RECEIPTS: £65,092 v Sheffield Wednesday, Division Three, April 5, 1980.
PITCH MEASUREMENT: 117 yards by 75 yards.
LEAGUE RECORD: 1892 Division Two; 1893-1934 Division One; 1934-39: Division Two; 1946-49: Division One; 1949-53: Division Two; 1953-56: Division One; 1956-61: Division Two; 1961-68: Division One; 1968-71: Division Two; 1971-76: Division One; 1976-79: Division Two; 1979-80: Division Three.
HONOURS: Division One champions: 1897-98; runners-up: 1896-97, 1899-1900. Division Two champions: 1952-53; runners-up: 1892-93, 1938-39, 1960-61, 1970-71. FA Cup-Winners: 1899, 1902, 1915, 1925; runners-up: 1901, 1936. League Cup: (best season, fifth round) 1961-62, 1966-67.
RECORD VICTORY: 11-2 v Cardiff, Division One, January 1, 1926.
RECORD DEFEAT: 0-13 v Bolton Wanderers, FA Cup second

round, February 1, 1890.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 60, Division Two, 1952-53.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 102, Division One, 1925-26.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Jimmy Dunne, 41 Division One, 1930-31.
MOST AGGREGATE LEAGUE GOALS: Harry Johnson, 205, 1919-20.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: Billy Gillespie, 25, Ireland.
MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Joe Shaw, 829, 1948-66.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £400,000 from Leeds Utd for Alex Sabella, May 1980.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £160,000 to River Plate for Alex Sabella, July, 1978.
MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: Ted Davison, Reg Freeman, Joe Mercer, John Harris, Arthur Rowley, John Harris, Ken Murphy, Jimmy Sirelly, Harry Haslam (current).
ADDRESS OF SUPPORTERS CLUB: Secretary, c/o SUFC, Bramall Lane, Sheffield.

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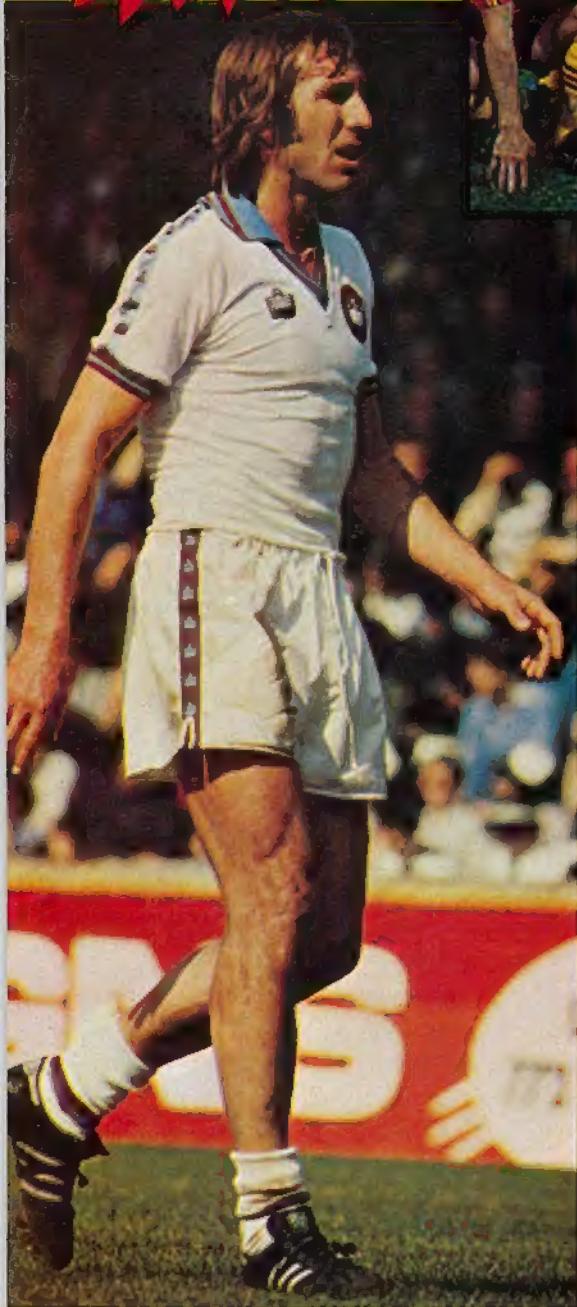
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Billy Bonds of West Ham — skippered his team to victory over Arsenal at Wembley last May and now has his sights fixed on a return to the great stadium in the League Cup.



The BELGIAN players line up before their clash with West Germany last summer.

B IS FOR...

- **BILLY BONDS** the lion-hearted West Ham skipper who led the Hammers to FA Cup victory last season.
- **BERWICK** Rangers, the only English club in the Scottish League.
- **BULGARIA** whose three successes in the BALKAN Cup represent the only trophies they have won.
- **BILLY BREMNER**, the former Leeds and Scotland midfield star who now manages Doncaster Rovers.
- **BALL** control, a skill all managers like to see in a player . . . and something which Juventus star Liam BRADY has perfected.
- **BIRMINGHAM** City, the only side to have reached a double figure goal tally in as many as five Football League matches.
- **BAYERN MUNICH** who scored a hat-trick of European Cup victories from 1974 to 1976 . . . and the man they called der BOMBER (Gerd Muller) who scored 365 goals in 14 seasons with the club in the BUNDESLIGA.
- The **BASEBALL** Ground, the home of Derby County . . . and BURNDEN Park, Bolton Wanderers ground.
- Peter BONETTI the great goalkeeper whose final appearance for Chelsea against Arsenal in 1978 was also his 600th for the club.
- **BELGIUM** who were runners-up to West Germany in the European Championship finals in Italy last summer.
- **BAGGIES**, the nickname of Midlands club WEST BROMWICH Albion . . . for whom BRENDON BATSON plays.
- Alan BRAZIL (right) of Ipswich who's nicknamed 'Pele' after the great BRAZILIAN star.



Did you know...

In season 1964-65 BENNETT, BICKLES, BOND, BOVINGTON, BOYCE, BRABROOK, BROWN, BURKETT, and BYRNE all played with West Ham United in Division One. Their professionals then also included BARRETT, BRITT, and BURNETT.

Inside forward Jim BONE ranks as the only player who ever figured in title winning teams in both Scotland and England in the same season. In 1971-72 he was in the Partick Thistle team which defeated Celtic in the Scottish League Cup final and then, sold to Norwich City for £30,000, he helped them to win the Second Division championship by the end of the season.

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